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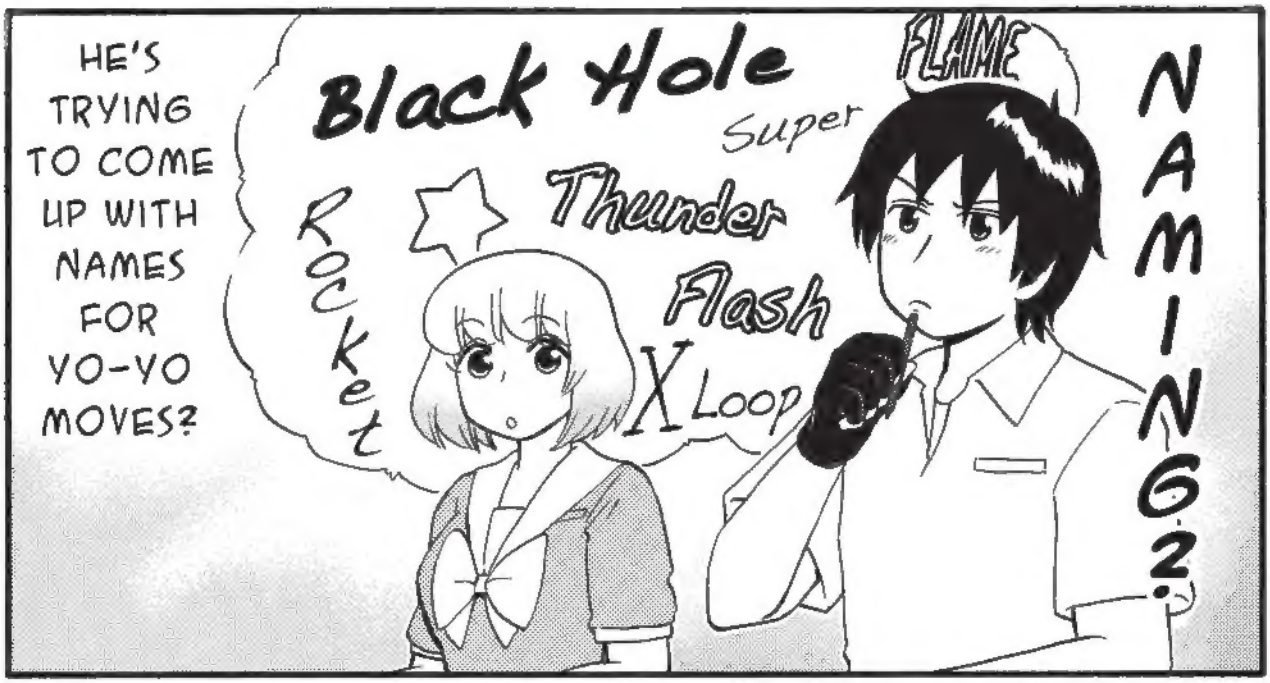
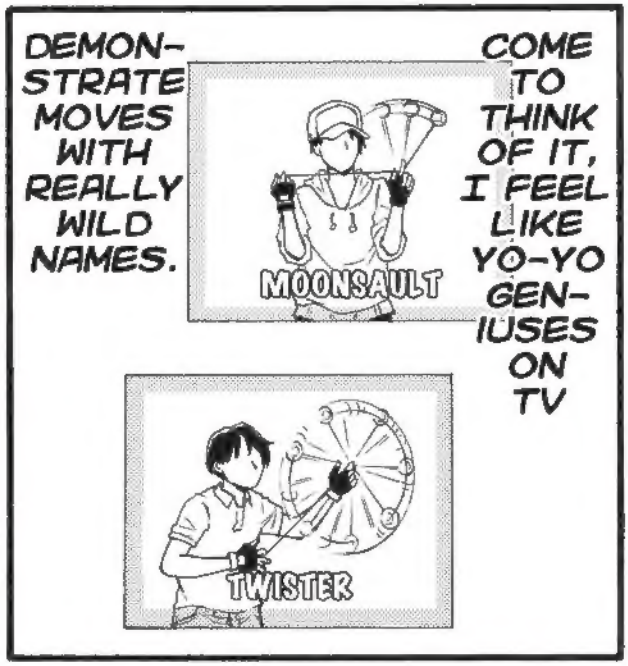
82nd Period
WATCH YOUR RELATIVE PRONOUNS AND CONJUNC-TIONS.
WITH THE BASICS, LONG SENTENCES AREN'T SCARY.
SWISH
シャッ
キュッ SQK
シュルルル WHIRR
PLUS, HE'S WEARING GLOVES... THIS MUST BE SERIOUS.
IT'S SEKI AND A YO-YO...
A YO-YO ?
IS THAT ...

WHOA!
ピョコッ
POP
ピョコッ
POP
ピョコッ
POP
SPIN
クルン
SPIN
クルン
サッ
SWSH
サッ
SWSH
LEAVE IT TO SEKI!
WHAT'S HE GONNA PULL OUT NEXT?!
WOW!
I DIDN'T REALIZE YOU COULD MAKE YO-YOS DO ALL THAT.
...
HUH? ISN'T THAT THE SAME MOVE?
ピョコッ
POP
ピョコッ
POP
ピョコッ
POP

HE'S TAKING NOTES NOW.
OH, HE QUIT ALREADY.
WHIRR
THOSE AREN'T CLASS NOTES HE'S JOTTING?
HM? HE SEEMS TROUBLED.
I THOUGHT HE'D DO ALL SORTS OF TRICKS, LIKE YOU SEE ON TV.
IS HE JUST PRACTICING?
DRAGON
SEKI
FLAME
X
LOOP
LOTS OF COOL-SOUNDING WORDS?
AND AMONG THEM, HIS NAME ...
COULD HE BE...
HMM 2!
Black Hole
Seki Dynamic
Seki Big Bang
Thunder Flash
Flame
Loop
SEKI
X
Dragon
Rocket


HE'S TRYING TO COME UP WITH NAMES FOR YO-YO MOVES?
Black Hole
Super
Rocket
Thunder
Flash
X Loop
FLAME
NAMING?

OF COURSE SEKI ALREADY BROUGHT HIS GAME TO THE NEXT LEVEL!
He's already a whiz?
SO WAS THAT A NEW TRICK SEKI'S IN-VENTED?!

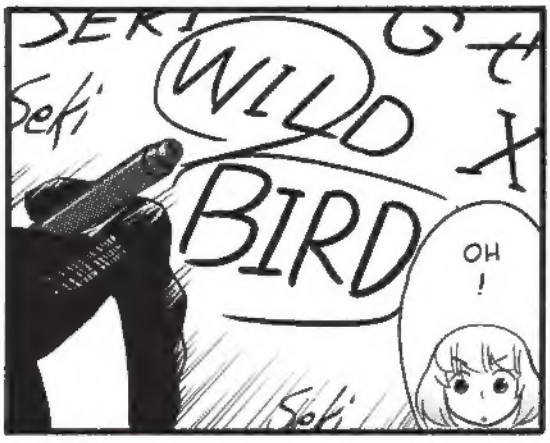

DEMON-STRATE MOVES WITH REALLY WILD NAMES.
MOONSAULT
TWISTER
COME TO THINK OF IT, I FEEL LIKE YO-YO GEN-IUSES ON TV

AH!
ack
ole
SWISH
Seki Big Bang
Bomb
Seki

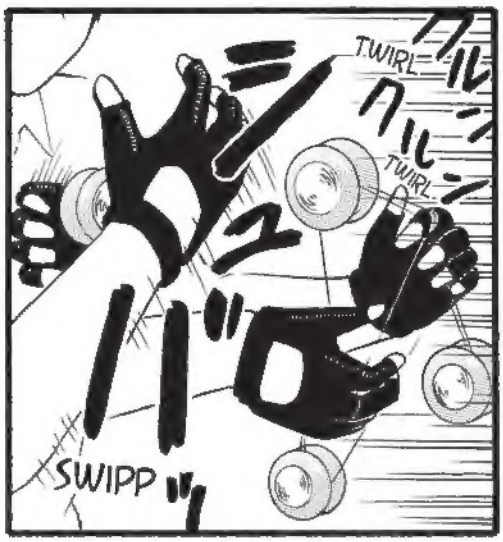
THIS ORIGI-NAL
HE'S DE-CIDED ?!
SWISH
BAM
YO-YO TRICK:
THE SEKI BIG BANG!!!

NO, NOT A GOOD FIT.
IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE FORCING THE NAME.
IT'S NOT FLASHY ENOUGH FOR A NAME LIKE "BIG BANG,"
AND DO YOU HAVE TO ADD YOUR NAME TO IT!

FWIP
FWIP
FWIP

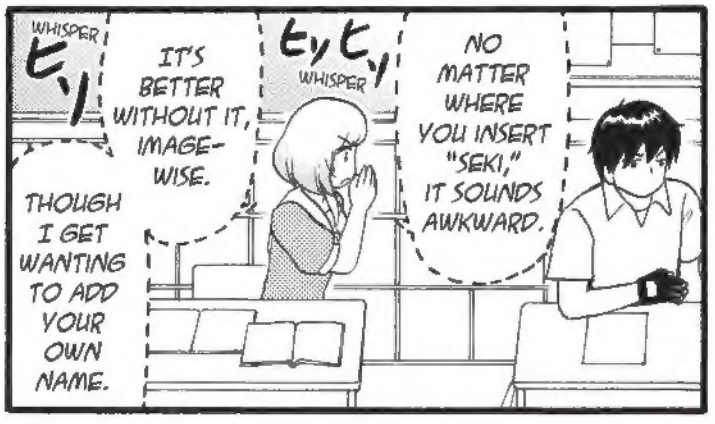

WILD BIRD
OH!

IT MIGHT CALL THE CREATOR'S TASTES INTO QUESTION, TOO.
I GUESS IT ISN'T EASY TO COME UP WITH A PERFECT NAME.


TWIRL
TWIRL
SWIPP

THE YO-YO'S LITTLE MOVEMENTS ARE KINDA LIKE BIRDS FLITTING ABOUT.
THAT COULD WORK.
BIRD, HUH.

WILD SEKI BIRD
SEKI BIRD ?!


WHISPER ヒソ
IT'S BETTER WITHOUT IT, IMAGE-WISE.
THOUGH I GET WANTING TO ADD YOUR OWN NAME.
ヒソヒソ WHISPER
NO MATTER WHERE YOU INSERT "SEKI," IT SOUNDS AWKWARD.

YOU DON'T NEED "SEKI" THERE!

BUT ISN'T IT KINDA EMBARRASSING TO EXPLAIN TO OTHERS?
THEY'LL LAUGH AT YOU FOR PROMOTING YOURSELF THAT MUCH.

HOW SHAMELESS!
HE'S PRETENDING TO BE SO FOCUSED THAT HE DIDN'T HEAR ME...
...
SWISH
FSH
SWISH
FSH
AND seek IS "SAGASU."
Hide IS "KAKURERU."
IT'S ENGLISH FOR "KAKURENBO."
Hide and seek IS A BIT TOUGH.
SEAK KING
HE'S SPLIT UP HIS NAME AND ADDED IT IN!
AH, I SEE. THIS WAY, SEKI COULD INSERT HIS NAME SUBTLY, WITHOUT IT STANDING OUT!
SHFF
HUH?
SEAK KING
NO "SEKI" THIS TIME?

"KING SEARCH?"
I DON'T GET IT...
SEEK
(Look for)
KING
(Ruler)
BUT WHAT DOES "SEEK KING" MEAN?
XSEAK
OSEEK
BY THE WAY, SEKI, YOU MISSPELLED A WORD.
"SEA" means "ocean"
LET'S FIX IT LATER, OKAY?
AAH, THOSE MOVE-MENTS ...
ヒョコ
FWIP
ヒョコ
FWIP
FWIP
ヒョコッ
FWIP
ヒョコッ
WHIP
ZIP
AN IMPISH KING PLAYING "HIDE AND SEEK"!!
ヒョコ
PEEK
ヒョコ
PEEK
I SEE IT NOW!

SEAK KING
IT'S SO CUTE, IT'S PERFECT!
THAT'S IT!!

SEAK KING
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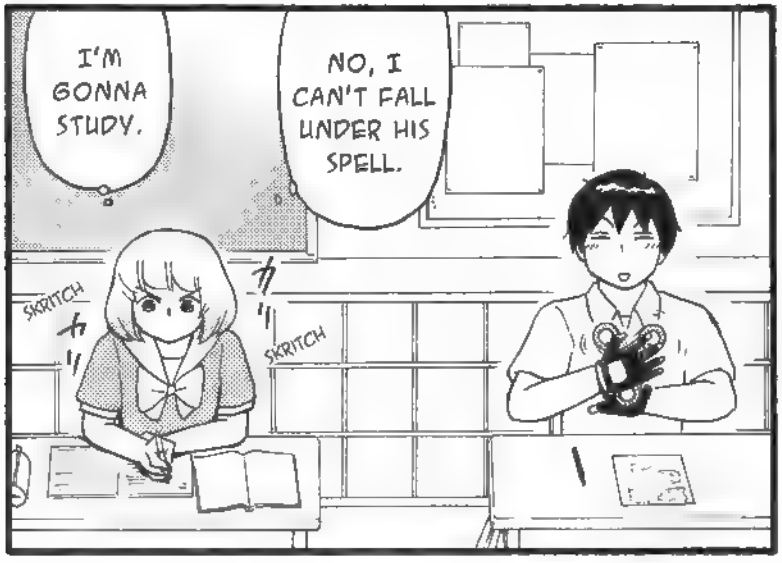
THOUGH IT'S REAL HARD TO BRING UP...
BUT I GOTTA TELL HIM ABOUT THE TYPO!


I'M GONNA STUDY.
NO, I CAN'T FALL UNDER HIS SPELL.
SKRITCH
SKRITCH

...
83rd Period
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
WHOA, A HAMMER?!
HE'S BROUGHT OUT LOTS OF WOOD. THAT MAKES ME UNEASY...
SEKI'S AT IT AGAIN...
HM?
TOK
TOK
NO WAY! THAT'LL BE SO LOUD, YOU'LL BE CAUGHT!
NOT D.I.Y. CAR-PENTRY?!

IF HE USES THAT, IT MAY NOT BE QUITE SO NOISY.
THE TOOL THAT SHAVES WOOD SURFACES TO MAKE THEM SMOOTH?
HM?
IS THAT A REAL CARPENTER'S PLANE?
KSH
KSH
WHAT HE'S GONNA CRAFT FROM THAT PIECE OF WOOD...? A CHAIR LEG?
OR MAYBE A BAT... OR A BACK-SCRATCHER?
PEEL
TOSS
SHAKE
SHAKE

SEKI'S MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THE SHAVINGS?
LOOKS LIKE A SHAVED PEEL.
IT'S SO THIN EVEN THOUGH IT'S WOOD !!
IT'S SEE-THROUGH !!
WHEW
フウッ
IF SO, I THINK HE'S ALREADY SUCCEED-ED...
THEN THE POINT'S TO SHAVE THE WOOD THINLY VERSUS CREATING SOMETHING ?

HE'S FOCUSED ON A SCALE THAT CAN'T BE SEEN WITH THE NAKED EYE!
A MYSTERIOUS TOOL I'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!
IS IT A DEVICE THAT MEASURES THICKNESS?
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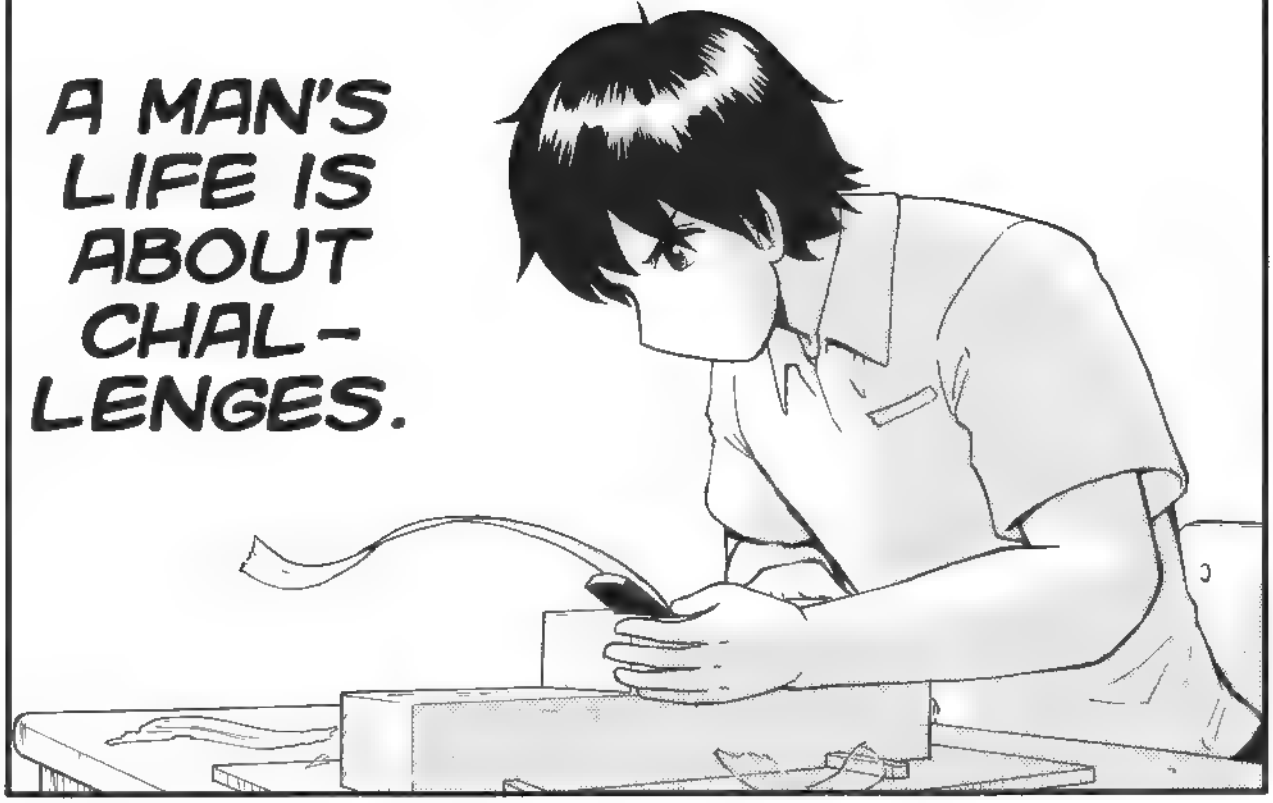
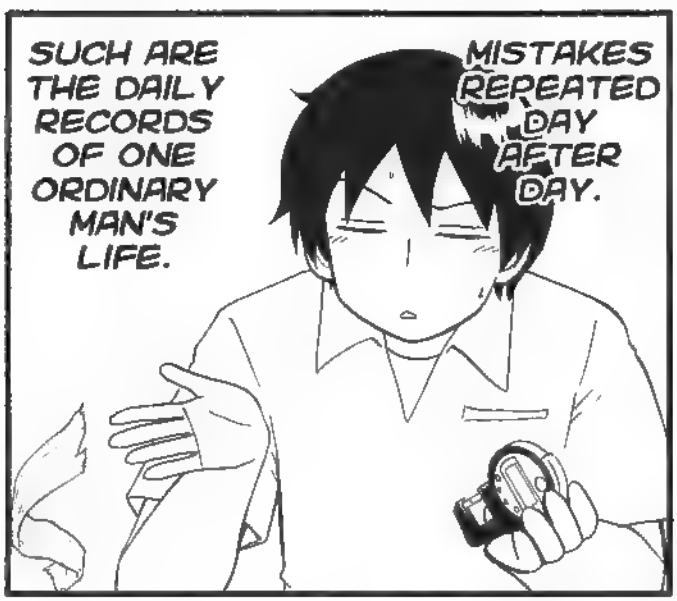
SKAK
0010 μm
PIP
THE CHOICE OF WHETSTONE, SHARPENING SKILLS, ABILITY TO THINK AT A MICROSCOPIC LEVEL... ALL THESE BRING OUT A TOOL'S POTENTIAL.
IT'S NOT A VALUE THAT CAN BE GENERATED BY GOOD TOOLS OR GOOD SKILL ALONE.
A THICKNESS ONLY A HANDFUL OF EXPERTS ACCUSTOMED TO USING A PLANE CAN PRODUCE.
10 MICROMETERS... 1/100 OF A MILLIMETER.
OR 5 MICROMETERS... 1/200 OF A MILLIMETER. THAT IS HIS SELF-IMPOSED GOAL.
HALF OF THAT...
YET IT STILL WAS NOT A NUMBER THAT SATISFIED HIM.


A MAN'S LIFE IS ABOUT CHAL-LENGES.


SUCH ARE THE DAILY RECORDS OF ONE ORDINARY MAN'S LIFE.
MISTAKES REPEATED DAY AFTER DAY.

THE RESULT SPEAKS TO THE MAN AS A PRECISE NUMERAL.
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TRUST ONE'S SKILLS, QUESTION ONESELF, MAKE CORREC-TIONS, THEN TRY AGAIN.

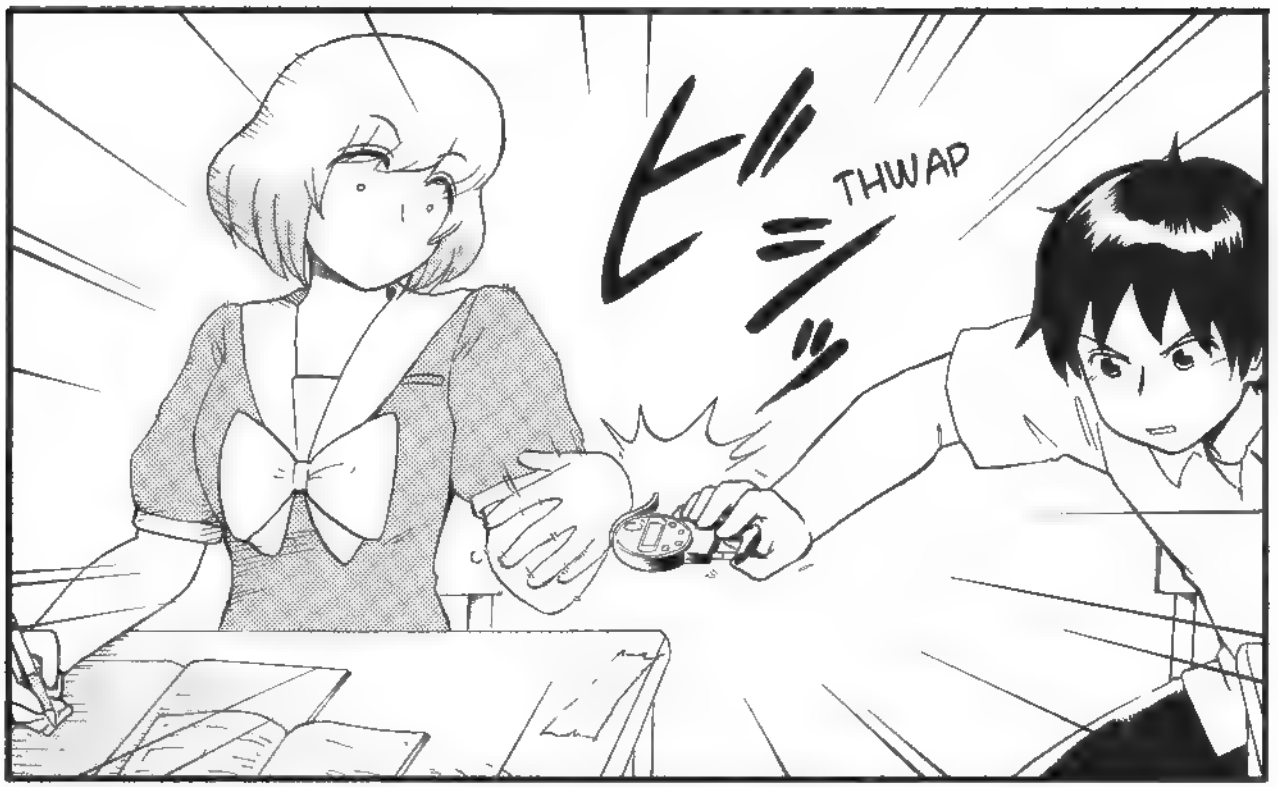
I BET SHE'LL BE STUNNED.
I'LL WRITE A LETTER TO TOMOKA ON THIS!
SKRITCH
SKRITCH

I KNOW!

Whoa

NO WRITING ON IT, HUH...
WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH IT, THEN?
SO THIN, IT RIPPED.
OH.
ビリリ
RRIP
AND THE FLIMSY SHAVINGS ARE USUALLY THROWN OUT.
COME TO THINK OF IT, A PLANE IS A TOOL FOR SMOOTHING WOOD SURFACES
TO USE THESE THINGS?
IS THERE EVEN ANY WAY
MOST WOMEN DO NOT UNDERSTAND A MAN'S CHALLENGE.
ズサア
SWIPE
SO THIS IS TRASH.
ポイ
TOSS

フワッ
FLIT
シャッ
KSH
シャッ
KSH
IT FLOATED ON THE BREEZE AS IF IT WEIGHED NOTHING AT ALL.
IT WAS A SHAVING THAT WAS CLEARLY DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS.
I WISH HE'D STOP LETTING THEM FLY HERE
AND LIT-TER MY DESK.
SFF
ピラッ
FLUTTER
EYES HIS LIT UP.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THWAP

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STIIING

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SLAM

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BADUM
ドキ
BADUM

SHAKE
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ペシ
SHAKE
AT TIMES, A MAN'S CHAL-LENGE CAN HURT THOSE AROUND HIM AND GENER-ATE SPARKS OF CON-FLICT.
APOLOGIZE
FOR COMMITTING VIOLENCE AGAINST ME!
OR ELSE I WILL NOT RETURN THIS PIECE OF TRASH TO YOU
IT IS IMPOR-TANT TO BOW ONE'S HEAD WITH SINCER-ITY.
ペコ
BOB
ペコ
BOB
YOU CALL THAT AN APOL-OGY?!
TREMBLE
ブル
TREMBLE
ブル

WELL, ALL RIGHT.
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...
シュガアッ
SWOOSH

!
ボロッ
TATTERS
...

WHAT IS IMPORTANT IS FOR HER TO NOT GET SWEPT AWAY. IF SHE WERE TO ACKNOWLEDGE HER ERROR, SHE WOULD LOSE THE UPPER HAND, SO SHE MUST DEFEND HER SUPREMACY EVEN AT THE COST OF BENDING THE TRUTH... SUCH ARE THE DAILY RECORDS OF ONE ORDINARY WOMAN.
I DON'T NEED TO SAY SORRY!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
A WOMAN'S LIFE IS ABOUT DIPLO-MACY.

84th Period

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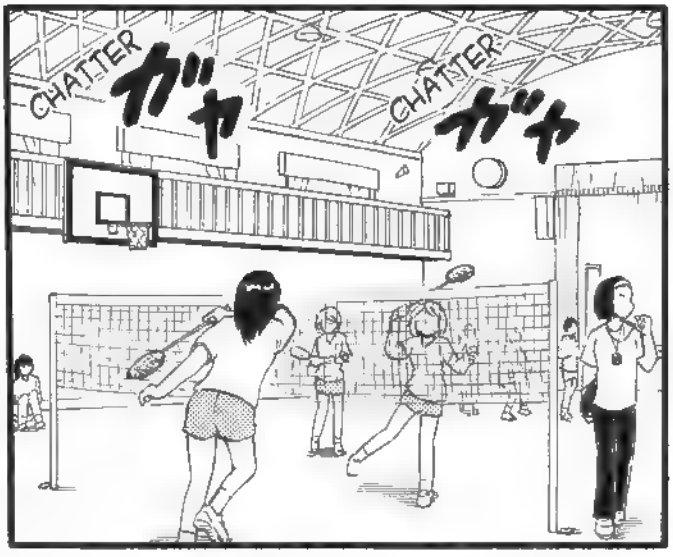
DROOP


CHATTER
ガヤ
CHATTER
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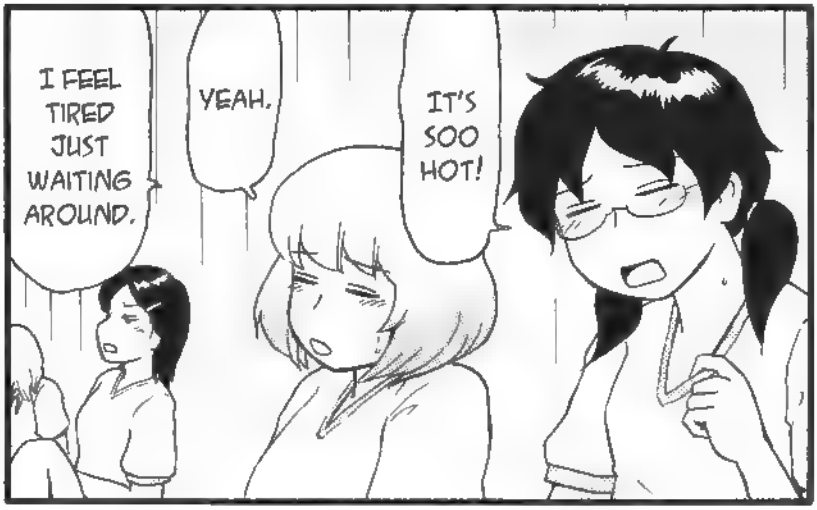
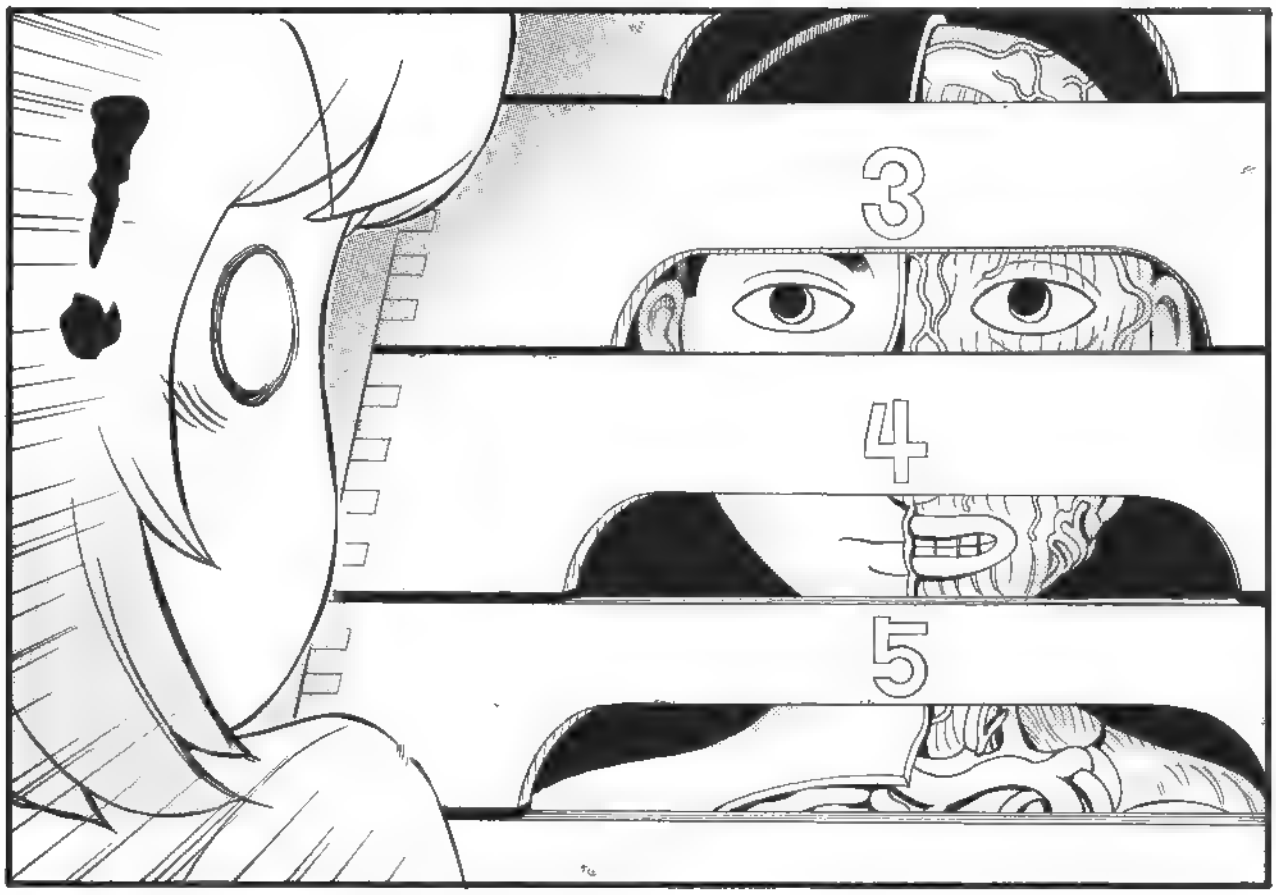
HM
?


I FEEL TIRED JUST WAITING AROUND.
YEAH.
IT'S SOO HOT!

は,
AH!
HOW CAN HE, IN THIS HEAT...?
WAS HE JUST IN THE EQUIPMENT ROOM?
HE'S COLD?
SEKI'S ACT-ING LIKE
HOW CAN HE DO THAT ALONE WHEN WE'RE DYING IN THE HEAT...
THUP
THUP
THUP
THUP
THAT IS SERIOUS... I GOTTA CONFIRM IT FOR MYSELF!
MAYBE SEKI
PUT SOME COOLING GADGET IN THERE?!
IT'S PRETTY DARK IN HERE...
OH...
ガラ ROLL
ガラ ROLL

EEK!
フルッ
SLIMY
THERE'S GOTTA BE A LIGHT SWITCH...
SOAP?
HUH...?
WHAT WAS THAT?!
KLUNK
LUCKY! I'LL USE THIS.
パチッ
KLIK
That shocked me...
OH, A FLASH-LIGHT?!
WHY WAS IT HANGING HERE?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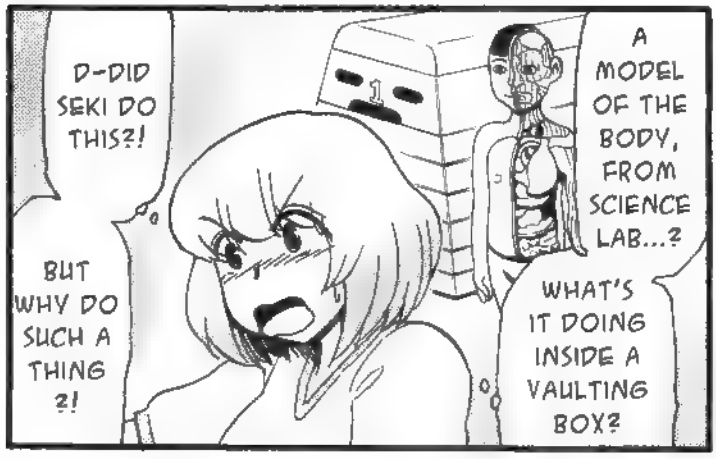
D-DID SEKI DO THIS?!
BUT WHY DO SUCH A THING ?!
A MODEL OF THE BODY, FROM SCIENCE LAB...?
WHAT'S IT DOING INSIDE A VAULTING BOX?

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SKID
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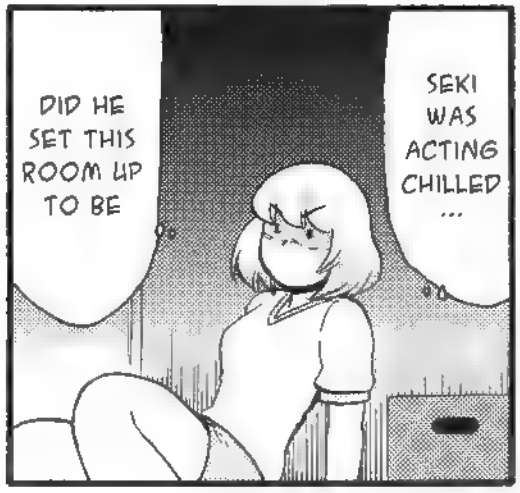
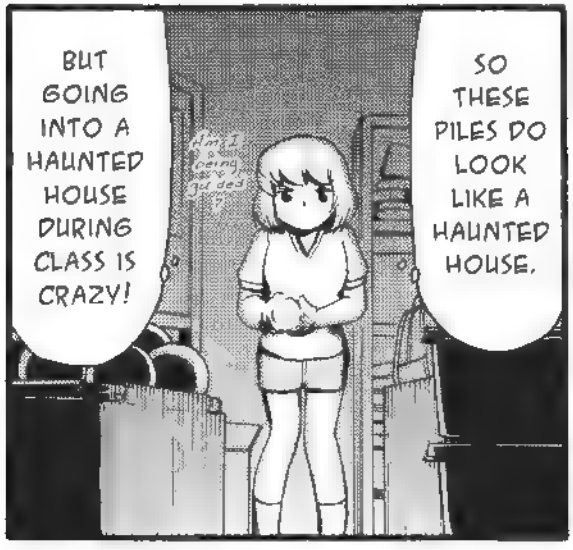
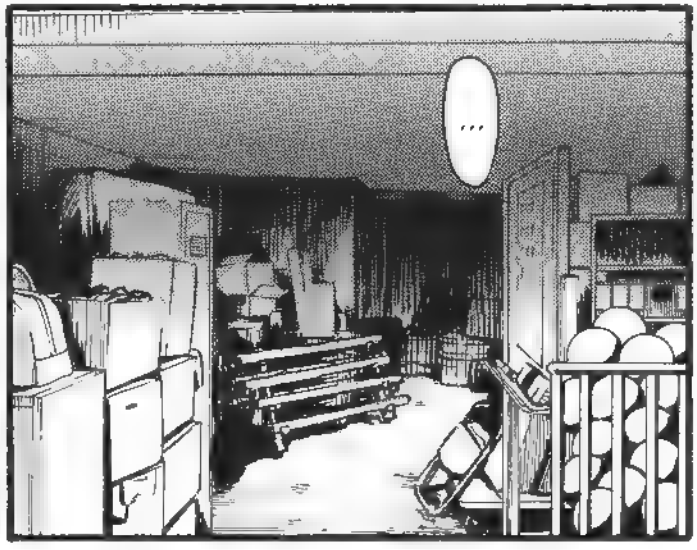
SKID
SKID


DID HE SET THIS ROOM UP TO BE
SEKI WAS ACTING CHILLED ...

AH!

TO CHILL HIM-SELF WITH FEAR?!
A HAUNTED HOUSE?!


BUT GOING INTO A HAUNTED HOUSE DURING CLASS IS CRAZY!
SO THESE PILES DO LOOK LIKE A HAUNTED HOUSE.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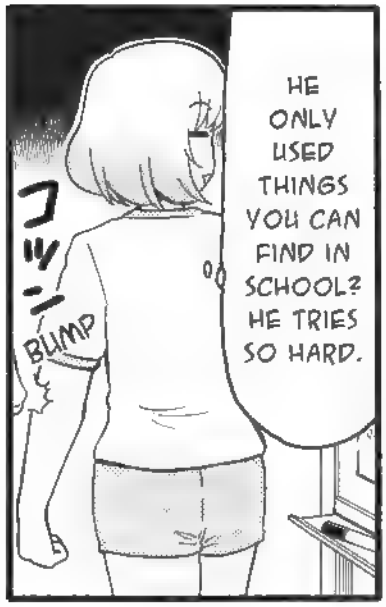
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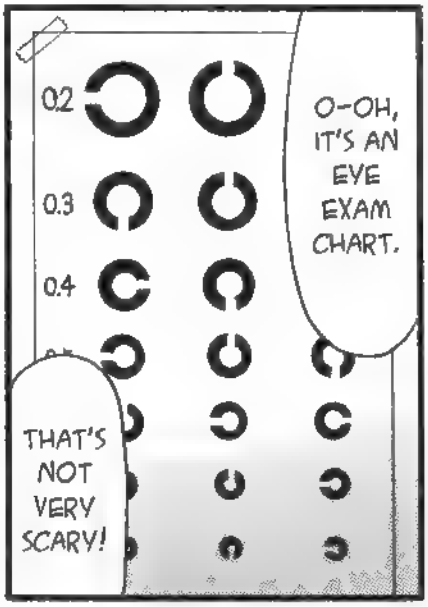
BUMP
HE ONLY USED THINGS YOU CAN FIND IN SCHOOL? HE TRIES SO HARD.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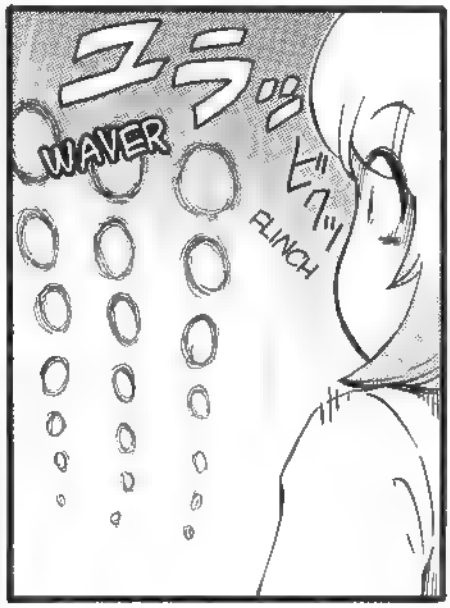
O-OH, IT'S AN EYE EXAM CHART.
THAT'S NOT VERY SCARY!


ユラ
WAVER
ビクッ
FLINCH

TURN
TURN
TURN
TURN

RATTLE
EEP
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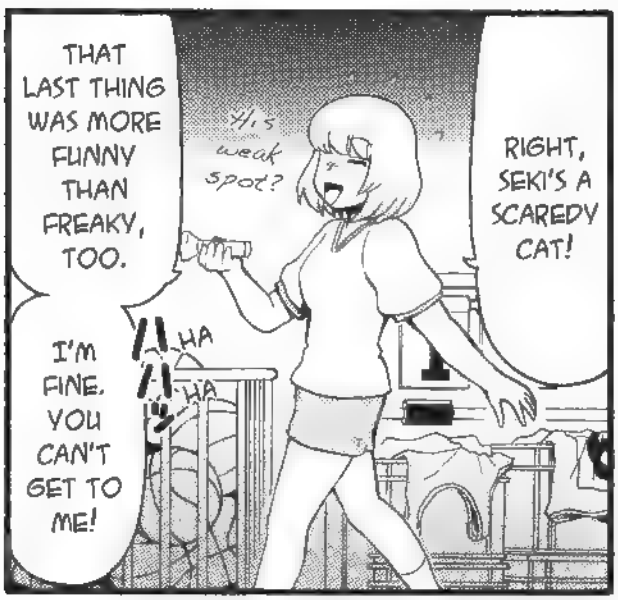
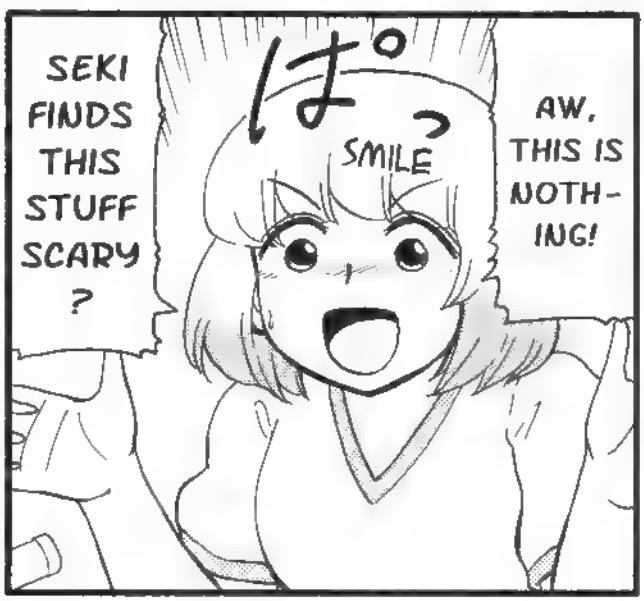

THAT LAST THING WAS MORE FUNNY THAN FREAKY, TOO.
His weak spot?
RIGHT, SEKI'S A SCAREDY CAT!
I'M FINE. YOU CAN'T GET TO ME!
HA HA


SEKI FINDS THIS STUFF SCARY ?
SMILE
AW, THIS IS NOTH-ING!

PLING
JOLT

DLING DA DA BRUMM

EVEN THOUGH THIS IS A GYM EQUIP-MENT ROOM ?!

THE SOUND OF A PIANO ?!

OH, STAIRS! DON'T THESE LEAD

TO THE STAGE-SIDE EXIT?!

THERE MUST BE AN AUDIO PLAYER SOME-WHERE... SNEAKY SEKI!

THIS IS CONFUSING! THE SCIENCE ROOM, NURSE'S OFFICE, AND MUSIC ROOM ALL JUMBLED TOGETHER...

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DLAANG

ポロロン

DLINNG

I CAN'T FIND THE DOORKNOB !

SUCH A MEAN TRICK!

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

THE ENTIRE DOOR SURFACE IS COV-ERED

WITH CHEER-LEADING POM-POMS?

BWOOF

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?!

AIEEEE!!

WHUMP

BEETHOVEN

AH HA!

KLATCH

ZIP

KLANK

FWAP

FWAP

SHRED

SHRED

WHAT THE HECK?!!

DUMB, DUMB, DUMB!

SHRED

SHRED

RUSTLE

RUSTLE

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

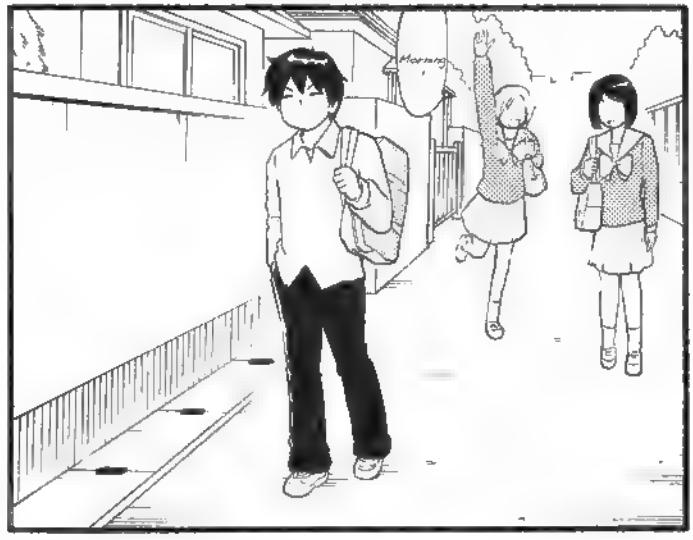
AA
AAA
AGH
!!

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

WHUMP
BUMP
THUMP
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
SLAM

WAH!
がばっ
WHOMP
OUR TURN IS COMING UP!
RUMI!
SHIVER
ガタ
SHIVER
ガタ
TOMOKA ...
TOMOKA ...!
HUH?
ガタ
SHIVER
Second time around
?
?
LET GO, IT'S TOO HOT!
JUST A BIT MORE, PLEASE?
LEMME HOLD ONTO YOU?!

• 85th Period •


Morning

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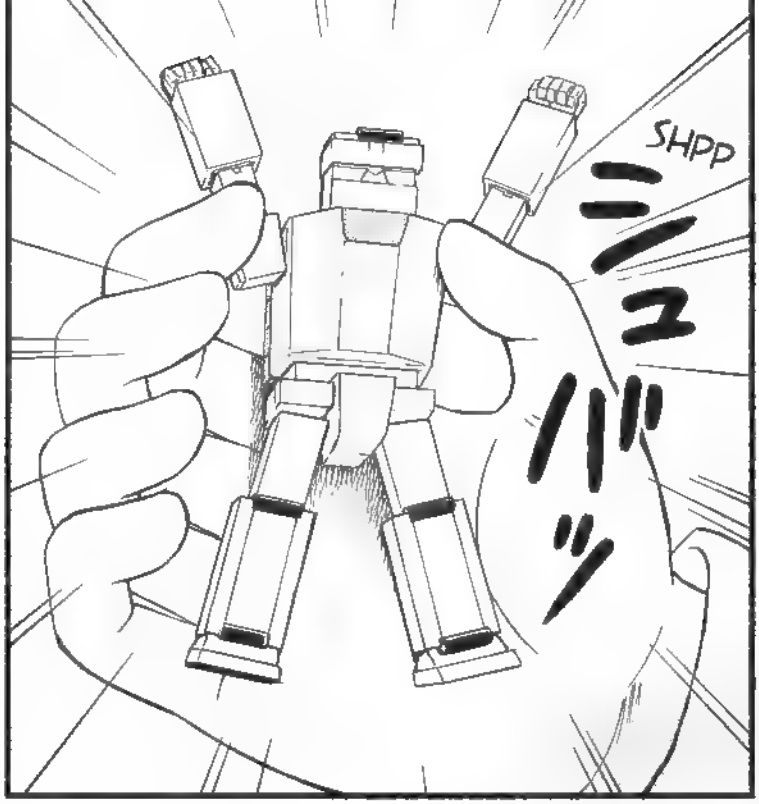
YAAAWN

KLUNK
ガゴッ
IS THAT SEKI?
AH...
ガヤ CHATTER
ガヤ CHATTER
HOPE HE'S NOT LATE.
HE'S GOTTA GET TO SCHOOL.
DISCARDED TOYS?
HE'S LOOK-ING AT SOME-THING.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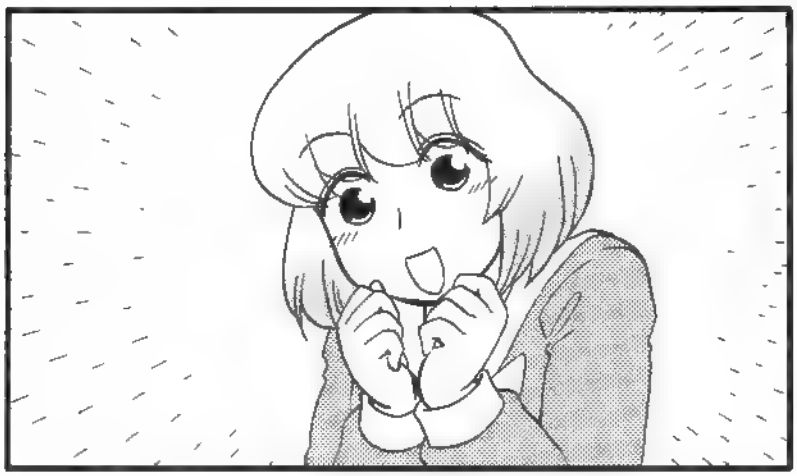
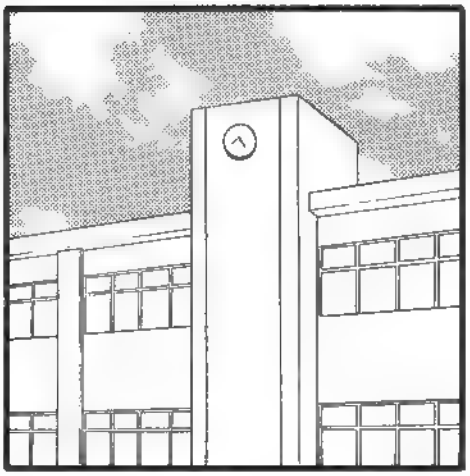
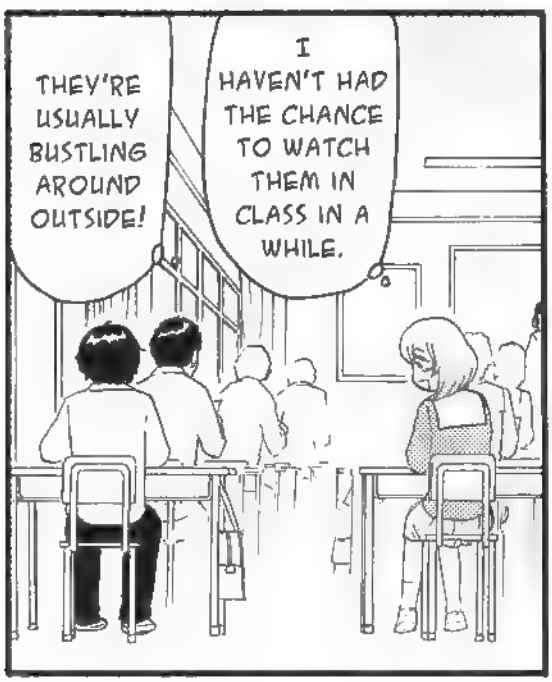
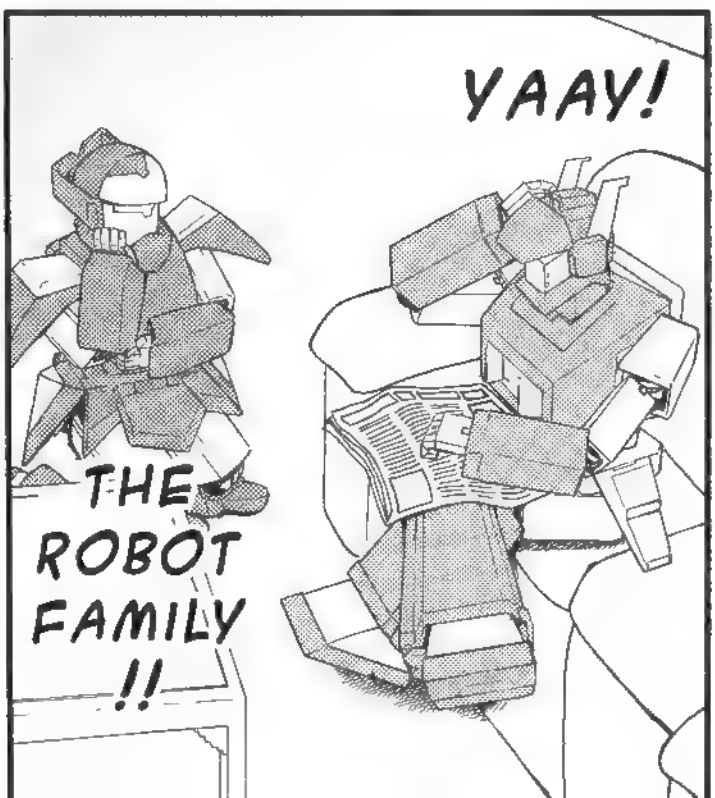
RUMMAGE
RUMMAGE

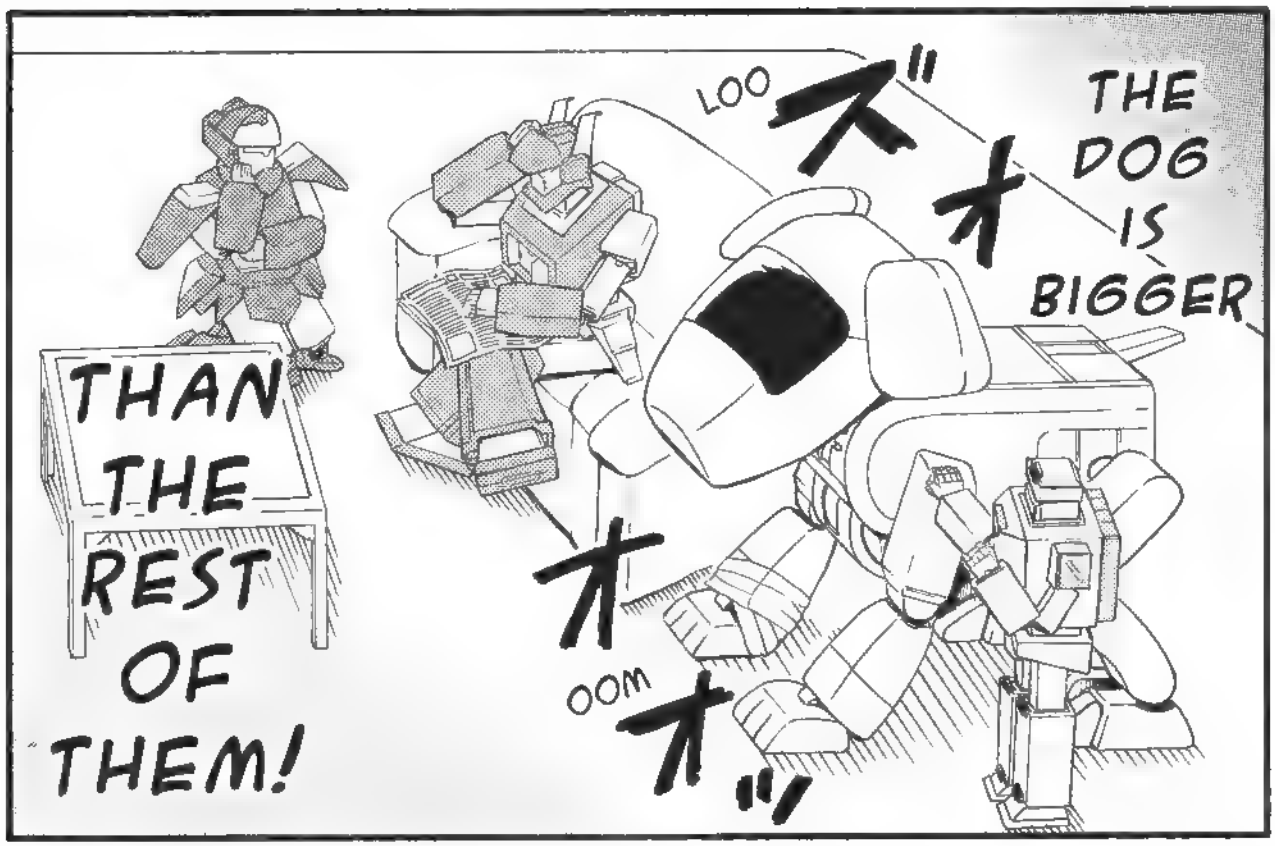


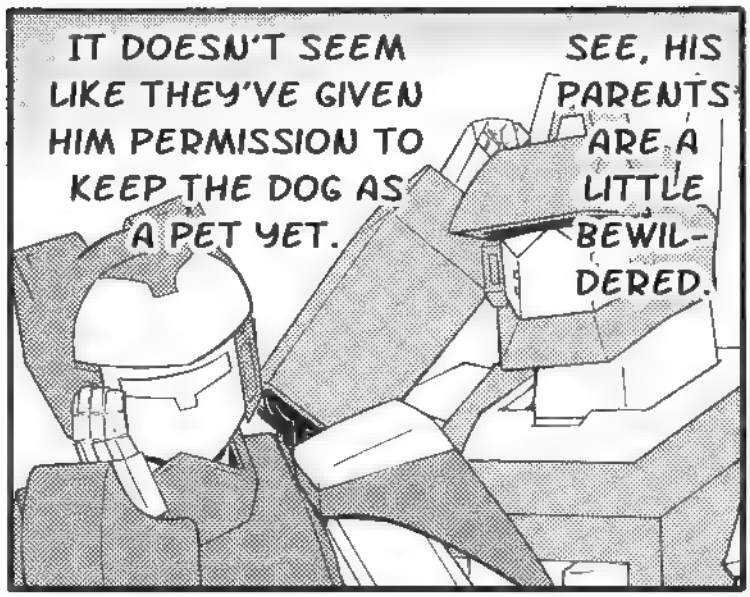



THEY'RE USUALLY BUSTLING AROUND OUTSIDE!
I HAVEN'T HAD THE CHANCE TO WATCH THEM IN CLASS IN A WHILE.


YAAY!
THE ROBOT FAMILY !!

GACHNK
ガチャーッ
HUUH?!
WHERE'S THE SON?
HUH? IT'S JUST THE PARENTS?
スッ
SFF
OH!
FSH
スッ
A-A NEW CHARACTER?! WHY NOW ...?
A DOG?!
A DOGGY-TYPE ROBOT?
B-BUT...
A PET!
A NEW FAMILY MEMBER ...
IS THAT_THE BACKSTORY HE CAME UP WITH EARLIER?
THE KID BROUGHT HOME AN INJURED STRAY?!
PLEASE TAKE ME HOME


THAN THE REST OF THEM!
LOO
ズォ
THE DOG IS BIGGER
オ
OOM
オォ


IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE THEY'VE GIVEN HIM PERMISSION TO KEEP THE DOG AS A PET YET.
SEE, HIS PARENTS ARE A LITTLE BEWIL-DERED.

BUT IT KINDA SETS THE FAMILY OFF-BAL-ANCE.
NOT THAT I THINK IT'S A BAD THING,

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KACHAK
カチャ
KACHAK

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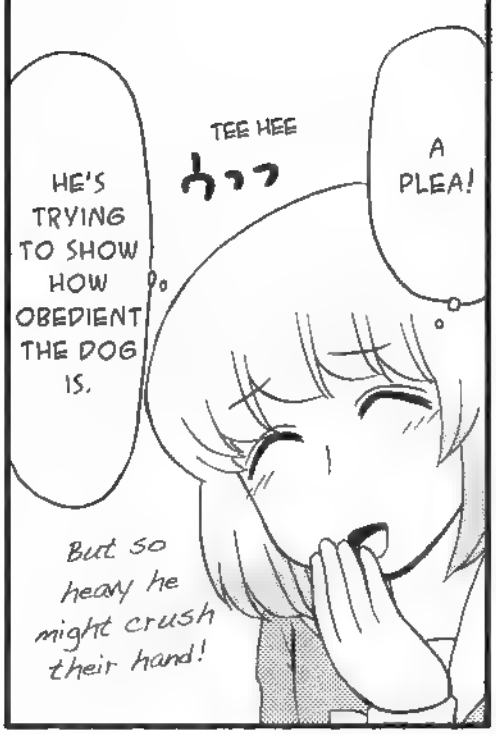
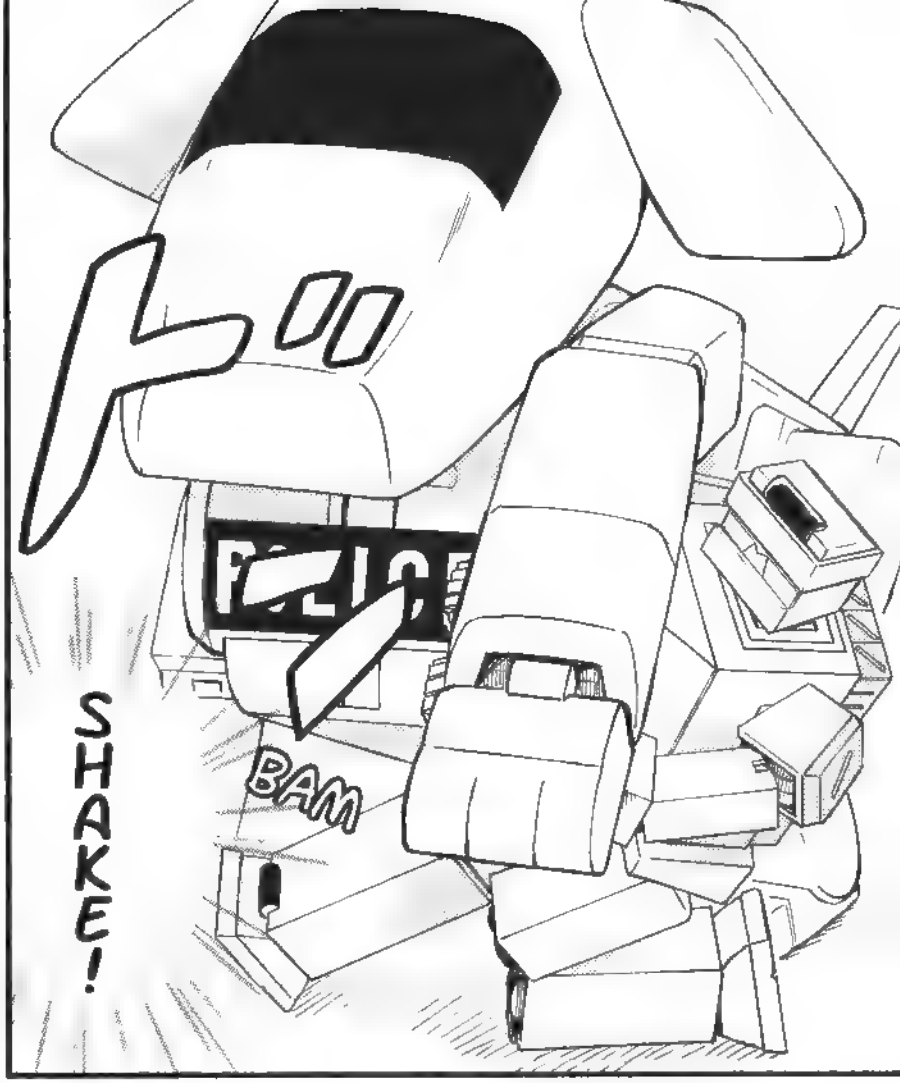
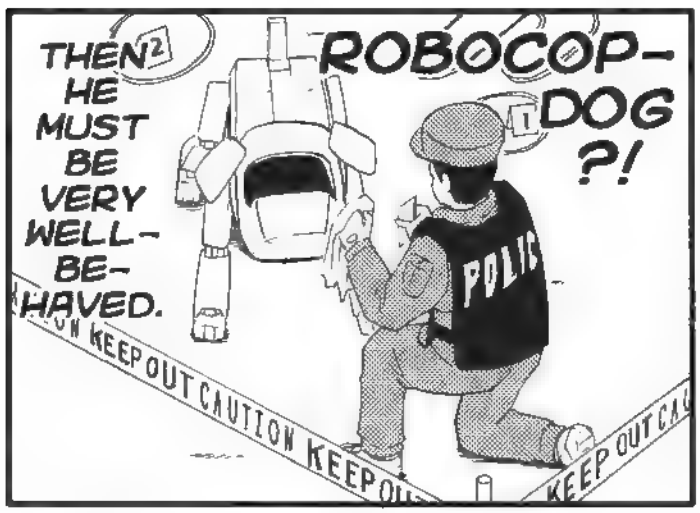

HE'S TRYING TO SHOW HOW OBEDIENT THE DOG IS.
TEE HEE
A PLEA!
But so heavy he might crush their hand!


SHAKE!
BAM

POLICE
HM ?


THEN HE MUST BE VERY WELL-BE-HAVED.
ROBOCOP-DOG ?!
KEEP OUT CAUTION KEEP OUT

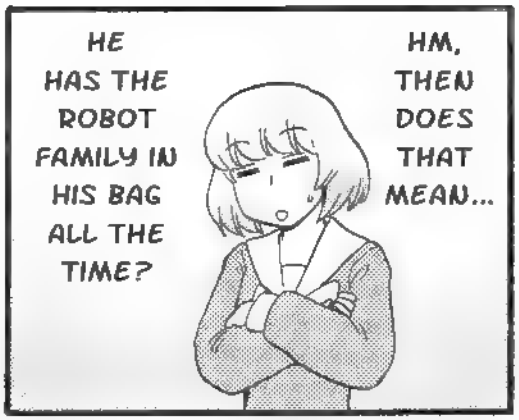
COULD THIS PUP BE A ...
THE STICKER ON HIS CHEST READS "POLICE."
POLICE

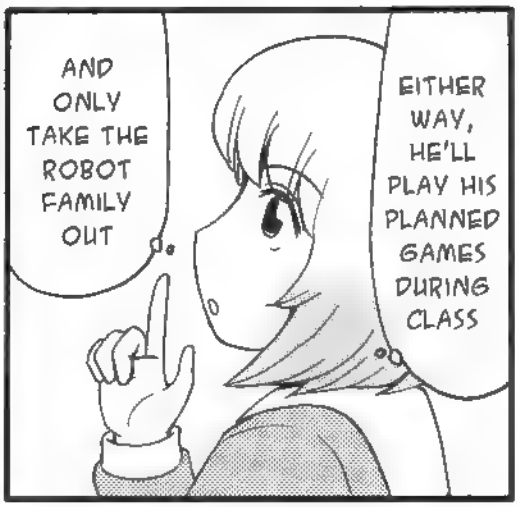
IS THAT OK?
SHOULD YOU MAKE SUCH A DOG A PET?
STILL,

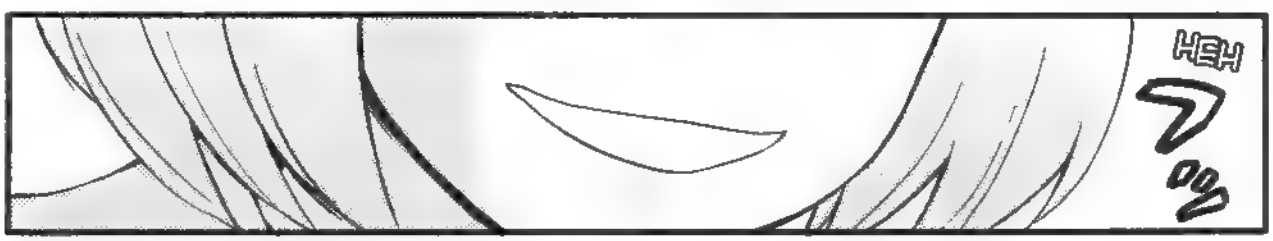
WHO'S ON DUTY?
WELL, THAT'S IT FOR HOME-ROOM.
DAD AND MOM ARE HAVING DOUBTS, TOO.
SEE?
HE'S USUALLY STILL HALF-ASLEEP AND SPACED OUT.
HOW RARE FOR SEKI TO START GOOF-ING OFF IN HOME-ROOM.
KLATTER
KLATTER
STAND!
OH!? IT'S STILL MORNING HOME-ROOM.
Partway through..?
HUH? HE PUT THEM AWAY ALREADY?
SHFF
SHFF
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
FIRST PE-RIOD.
NEXT PERIOD'S GONNA BE FUN!
BOW!

B-BUT WHY?
HE'S PLAYING WITH SOMETHING OTHER THAN THE ROBOT FAMILY?!
SHHK
SHHK
SHHK
...
YOU'RE CHANGING PLANS FOR THIS ?
NO MORE ROBOT FAMILY STORY?
SO WHAT'S WITH THE WATER BALLOONS ?
IT CAN'T BE! THE PET ISSUE HASN'T BEEN RESOLVED AT ALL!
SHAKE
SHAKE
THAT WAS THE END?
THAT'S WHY HE SPENT HOMEROOM, WHEN HE USUALLY NEVER PLAYS, WITH THE ROBOT FAMILY.
PICKING UP THAT DOGGY THIS MORNING WAS UN-PLANNED.
NO, WAIT.

IT'S HIGHLY LIKELY HE'LL BRING THEM BACK OUT BETWEEN CLASSES!
DUR-ING BREAKS ?!
H R
1st Period
Break
2nd Period
Break
3rd Period
Break
4th Period
Lunch Break
Cleaning Time
5th Period
Break
6th Period
H R


HE HAS THE ROBOT FAMILY IN HIS BAG ALL THE TIME?
HM, THEN DOES THAT MEAN...


AND ONLY TAKE THE ROBOT FAMILY OUT
EITHER WAY, HE'LL PLAY HIS PLANNED GAMES DURING CLASS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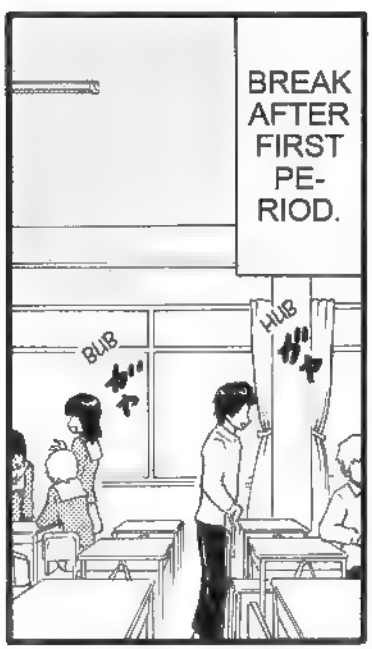
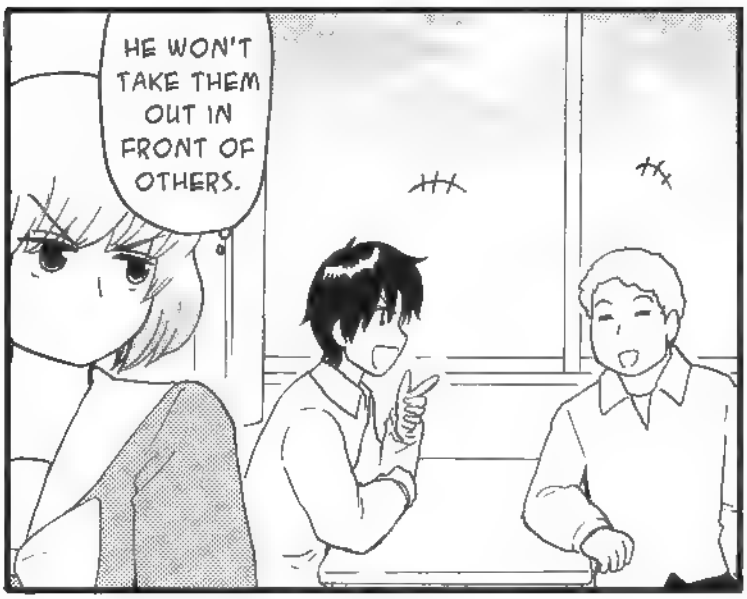
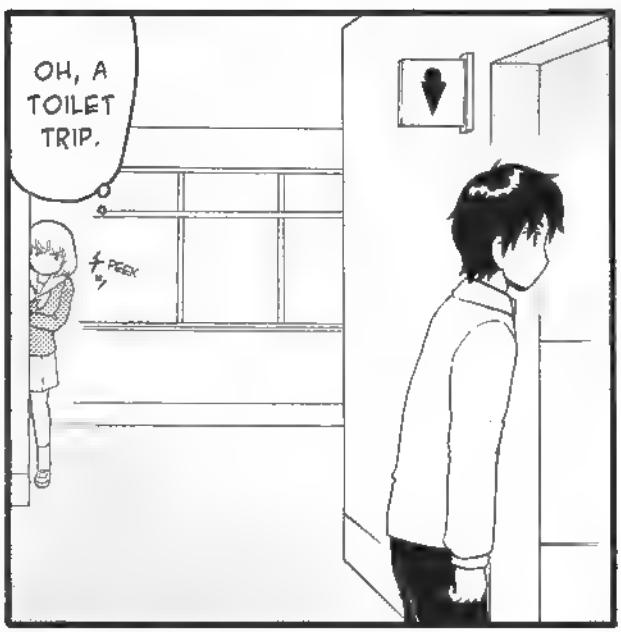
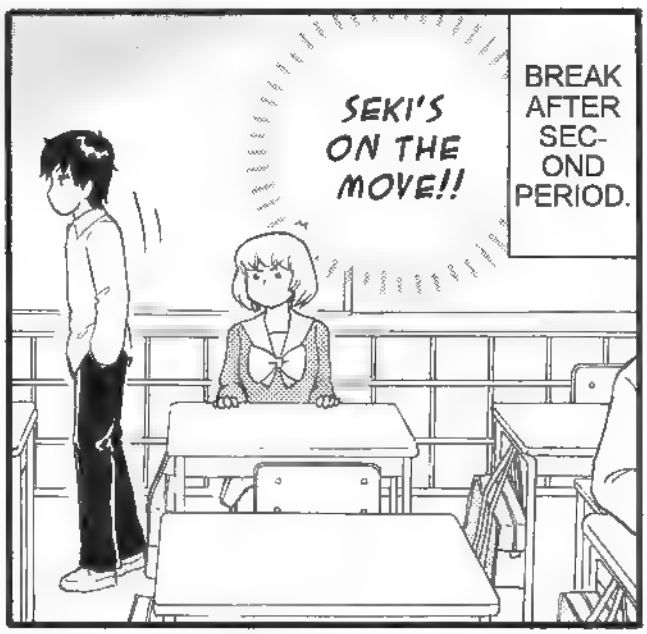

BREAK AFTER FIRST PE-RIOD.
BUB
HUB

SO BEGAN YOKOI'S DAY OF VIGI-LANCE.
I SWEAR I WON'T MISS IT!


HE WON'T TAKE THEM OUT IN FRONT OF OTHERS.

GLANCE
GLANCE


OH, A TOILET TRIP.
PEEK


SEKI'S ON THE MOVE!!
BREAK AFTER SEC-OND PERIOD.

HE HAS NO TIME TO PLAY IF WE'RE SWITCHING ROOMS.
OUR NEXT CLASS IS MUSIC.

OK!
LET'S GO, RUMI!
BREAK AFTER THIRD PERIOD.

HOLD ON!

AH!
THE BRIEF SPELL WHEN EVERY-ONE'S GONE FROM THE CLASS-ROOM ...
COULD THIS BE THE KEY?
SCURRY
SCURRY
SCURRY
I WAS RIGHT!
THERE! THERE THEY ARE!

I FEEL LIKE THEY'RE ON THE BRINK OF ALLOWING THE DOG ...
AH, THEY'RE STILL ON THE FENCE.
AND MOM AND DAD?
THEY'VE BECOME FAST FRIENDS!
THE DOGGY IS ALL HEALED UP!
KLATTER
KRASH
POLICE
TOTTER
SNAP
AAA AAH !!
AH!

KASHAK
スチャ
CHAK
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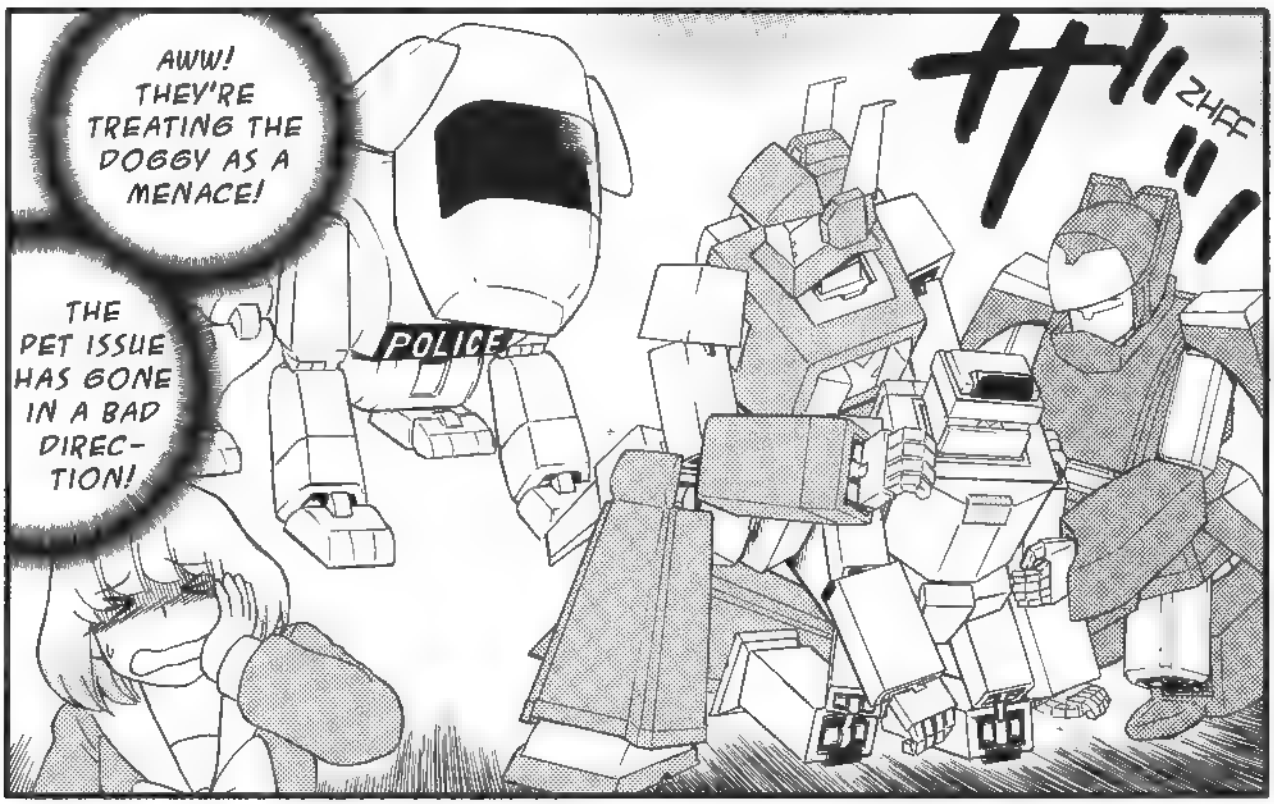
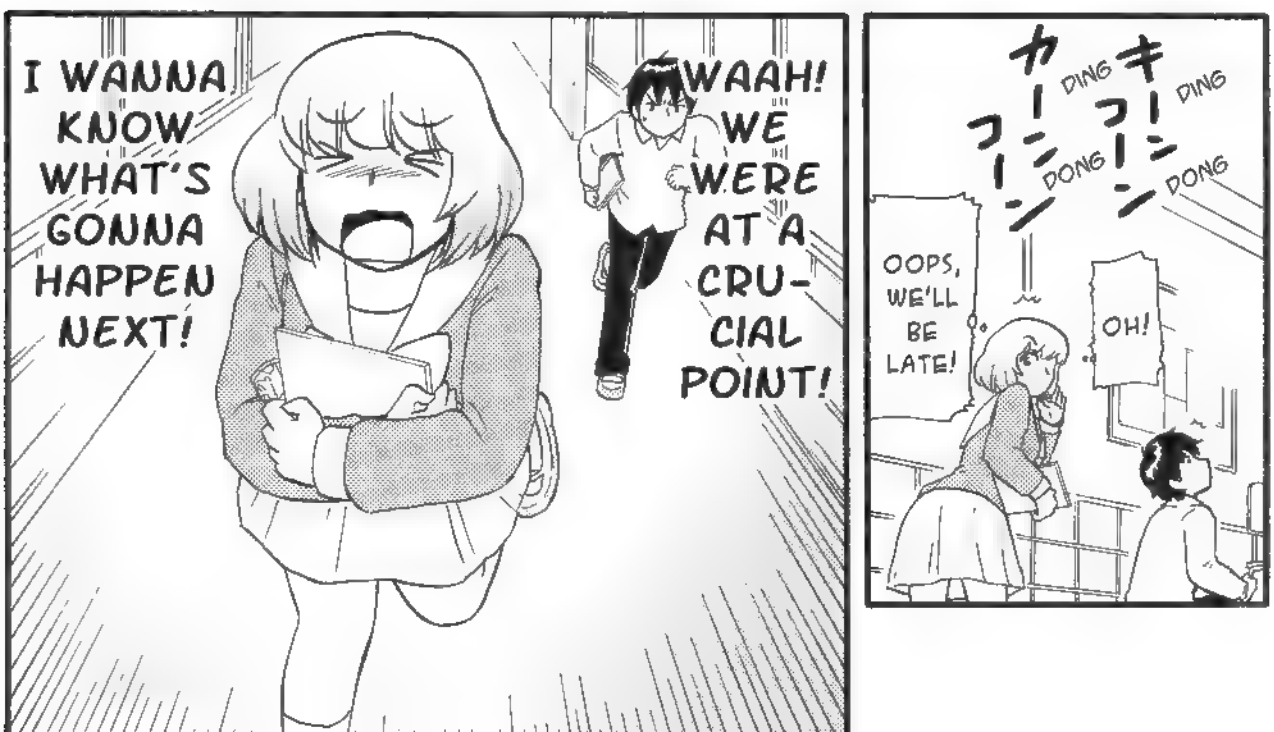
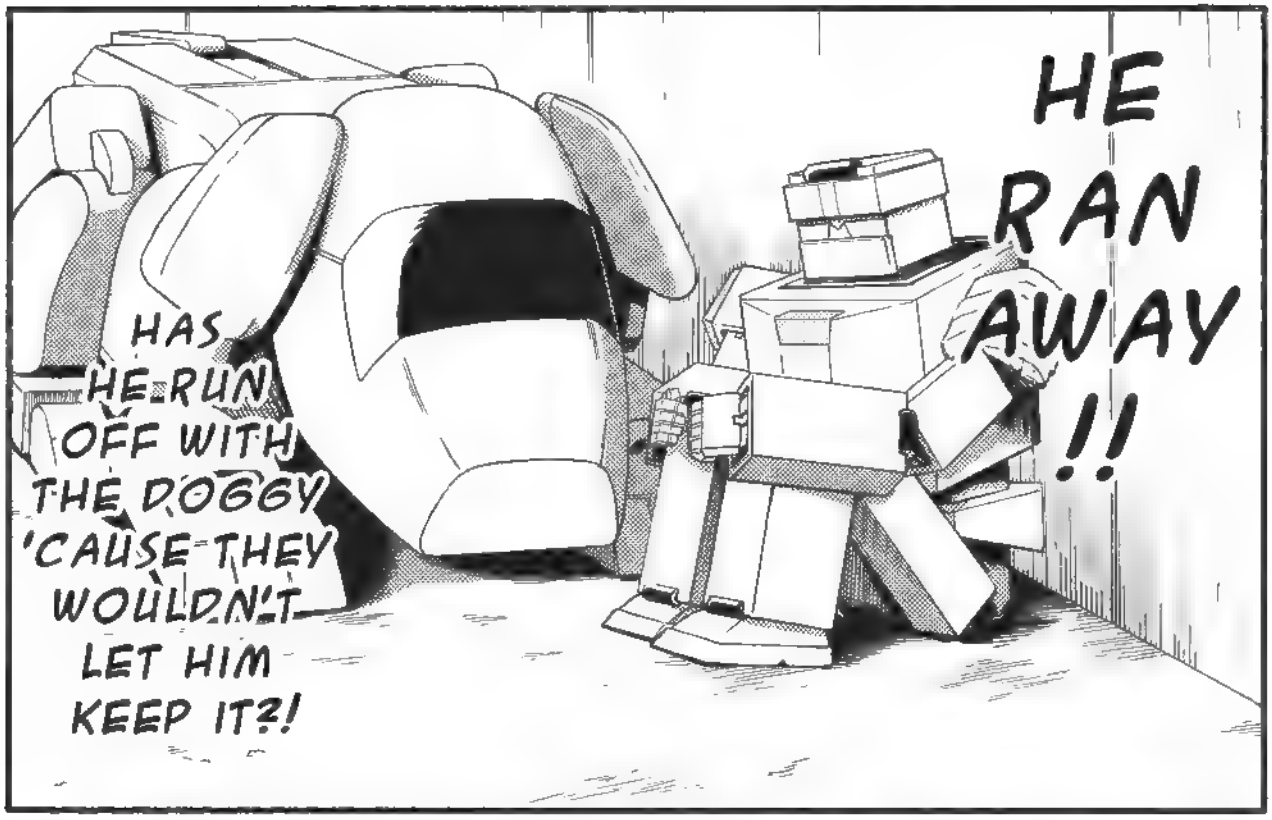
THE DOGGY'S LEG WASN'T FULLY HEALED?
THE BOY'S HURT!


AWW! THEY'RE TREATING THE DOGGY AS A MENACE!
THE PET ISSUE HAS GONE IN A BAD DIREC-TION!
POLICE
ZHFF

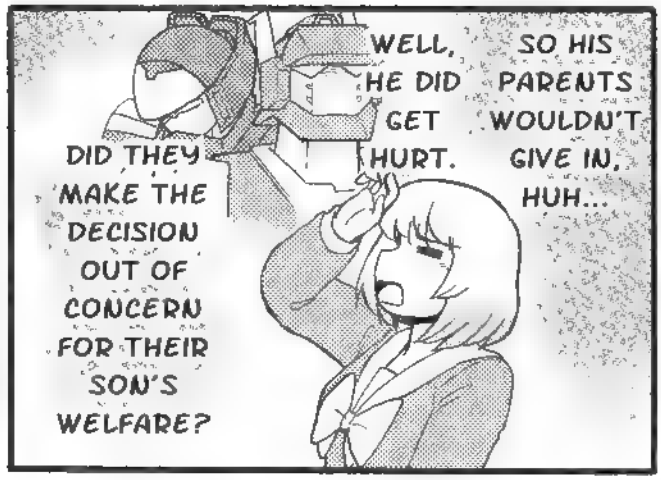

I WANNA KNOW WHAT'S GONNA HAPPEN NEXT!
WAAH! WE WERE AT A CRU-CIAL POINT!
カーン コーン
DING DONG
キーン コーン
DING DONG
OOPS, WE'LL BE LATE!
OH!

AFTER SCHOOL, THE ROBOT FAMILY NEVER REAP-PEARED ...
BYE BYE!
WAAAAH
ああああ
THE DAY'S ALREADY OVER!
I NEVER GOT TO KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FAMILY ...
OR DID I SOMEHOW MISS SEEING THEM?
HUB ガヤ
BUB ガヤ
OH, IT'S SEKI.
AH!
スッ
SHFF

...
パ
CLOSE
HE PUT THE SON IN HIS SHOE CUBBY?
THE BOY?
POP
SNEAK SNEAK
STEP
STEP
STEP
HUH? HE'S LEAVING HIM IN THERE?
SO BASI-CALLY ...
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S HIDING OUT...
THE DOG-GY'S HERE, TOO!
AH!


HE RAN AWAY!!
HAS HE RUN OFF WITH THE DOGGY 'CAUSE THEY WOULDN'T LET HIM KEEP IT?!

WHY'D HE STICK THEM IN THERE AND LEAVE?
BUT REALLY, SEKI'S THE BADDIE HERE!


DID THEY MAKE THE DECISION OUT OF CONCERN FOR THEIR SON'S WELFARE?
WELL, HE DID GET HURT.
SO HIS PARENTS WOULDN'T GIVE IN, HUH...

LEAVE THEM HERE, EITHER ...
BUT I CAN'T JUST
KLAK

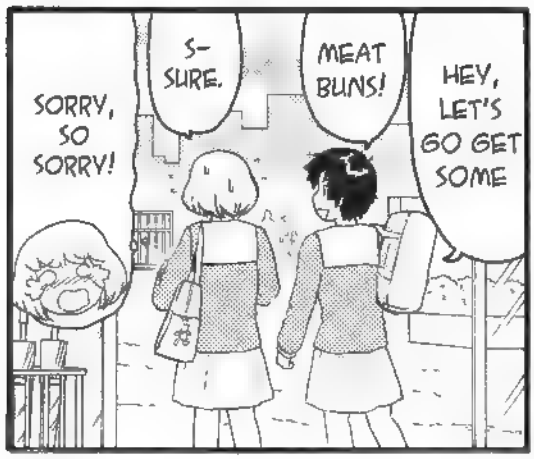
NO, NO, NO!
ARGH, BUT THAT TURNED INTO A BIG DEAL LAST TIME!

AND TAKE THEM HOME!
I GOTTA STEP IN

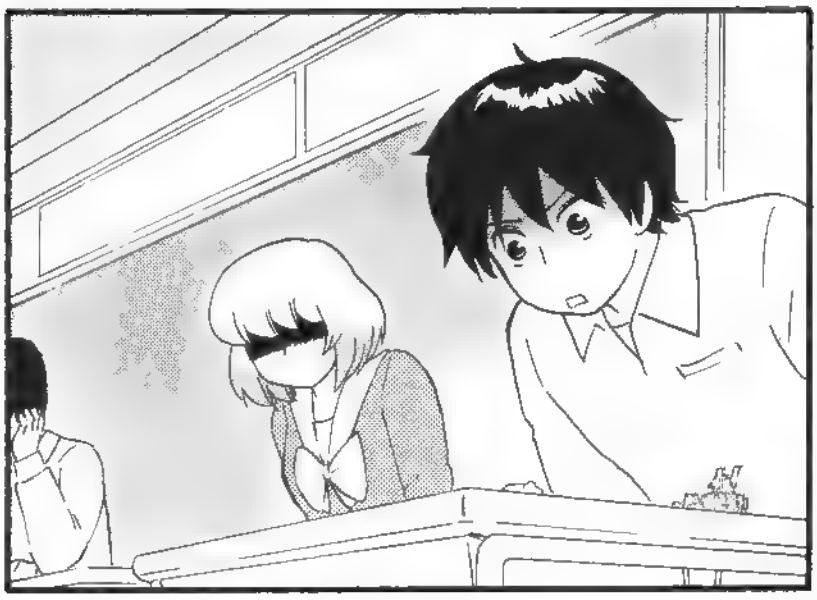
HUH? YOKOI ?
JOLT

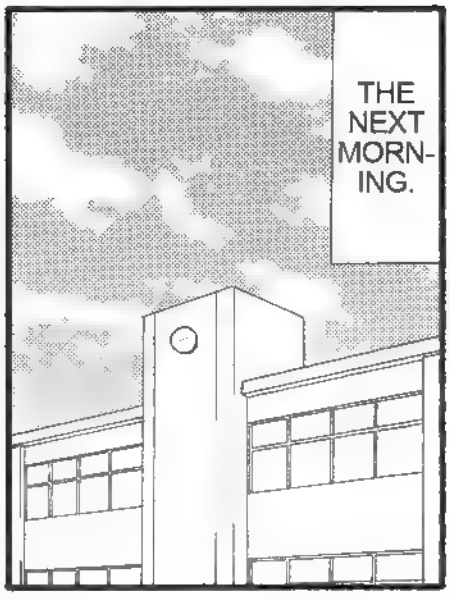
WAAAAAH!
NOOO!!
ROLL
ROLL
BOOT

KRASH
AIEEE!!

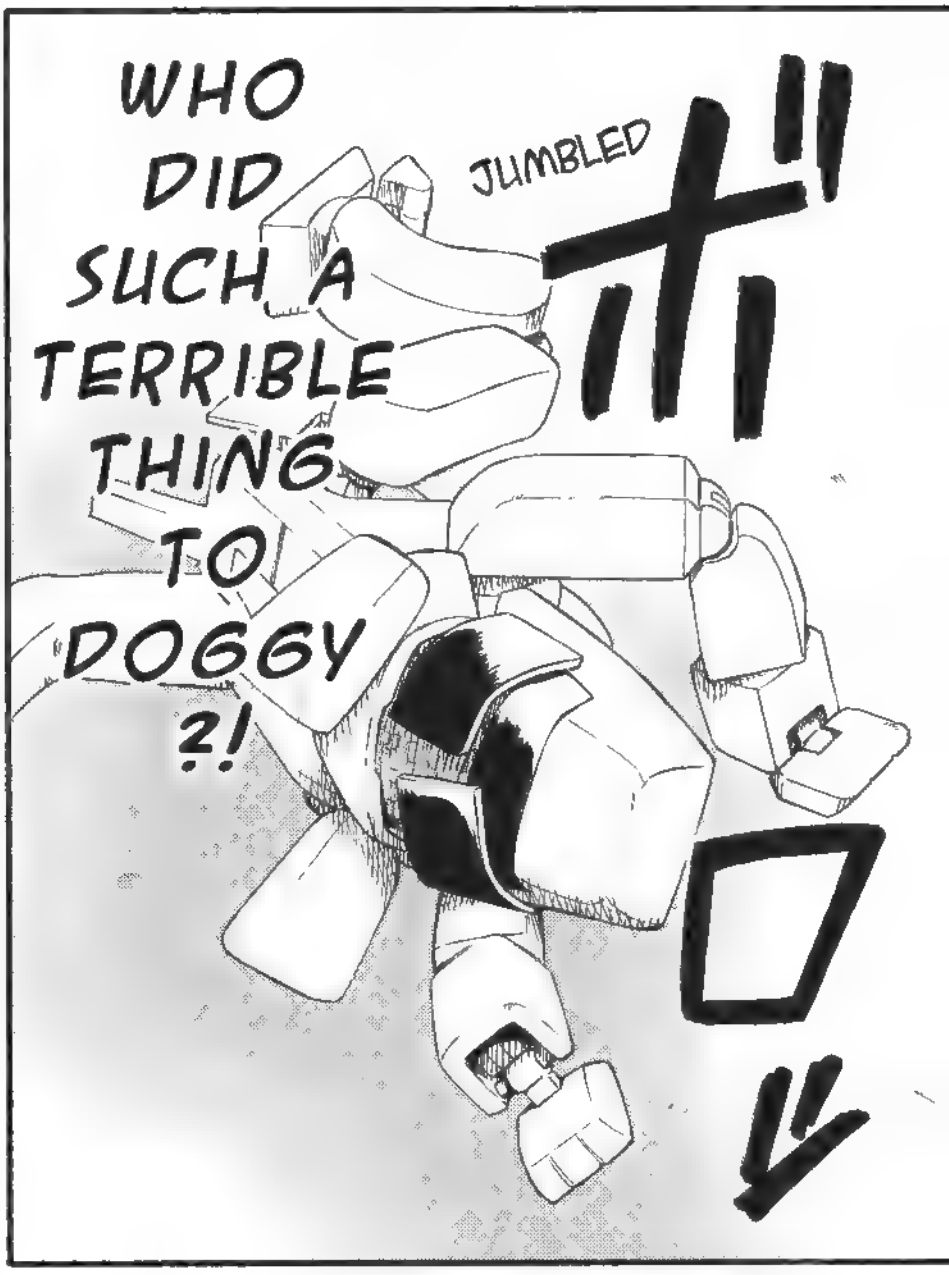

SORRY, SO SORRY!
S-SURE.
MEAT BUNS!
HEY, LET'S GO GET SOME

M-MY SHOES FELL!
OH! UHM,
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ?
WHIRL
GACHAK!
GACHAK!




THE NEXT MORN-ING.

IT WAS ME! YES, I DROPPED AND ACCIDENTALLY KICKED HIM YESTERDAY-!!


WHO DID SUCH A TERRIBLE THING TO DOGGY?!
JUMBLED
!!

TO JUST WATCH OVER THE FAMILY FROM NEARBY, BUT CAN'T HELP JUMPING IN, AND END UP PUTTING THEM IN DANGER ...

OH NOOO !!

AIEEE!!

AACH!

ROBOT DIVE !!

COME TO THINK OF IT, I ALWAYS INTEND

A LOW SHIP IN THE VAST ROUGH SEAS

IS LIKE AN OCEAN TO HIM

YO-KO!

I DIDN'T MEAN ANY HARM, HONEST!

I WAS JUST WORRIED AND WANTED TO PROTECT THEM!

OH, WHAT HAVE I DONE?!!

THE BOY IS ALL UPSET !

AAA WWW!

SFF

KCHAK カチャ

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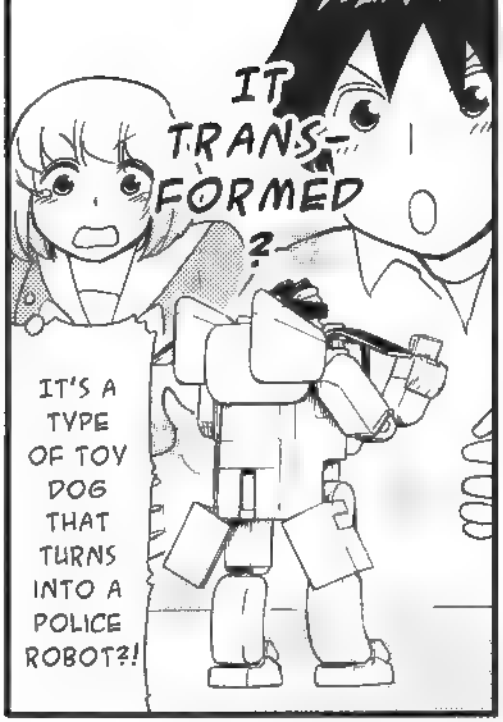
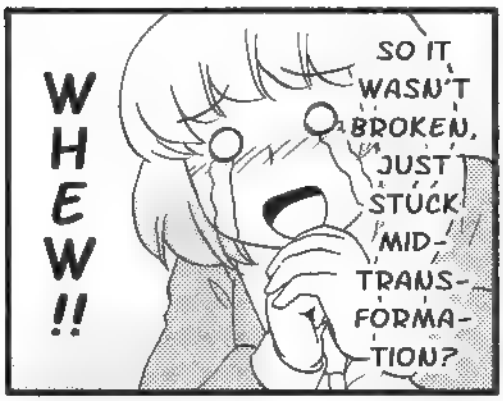
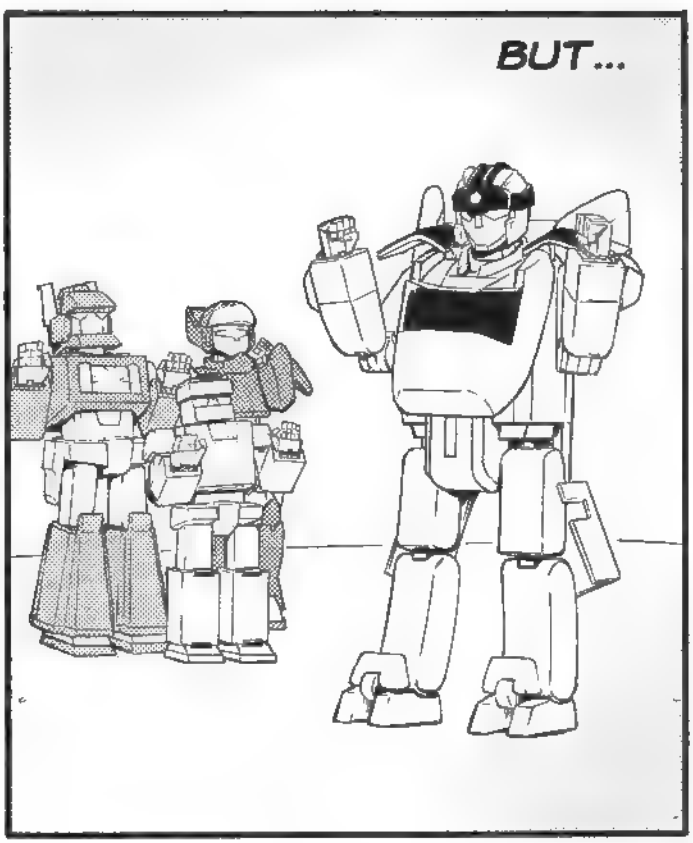
KCHAK カチャ


IT TRANS-FORMED?
IT'S A TYPE OF TOY DOG THAT TURNS INTO A POLICE ROBOT?!

ミ…TA
DAAAAA
WHAT?!


WHEW!!
SO IT WASN'T BROKEN, JUST STUCK MID-TRANS-FORMA-TION?

IT STILL CAN'T BE A PET...
I GUESS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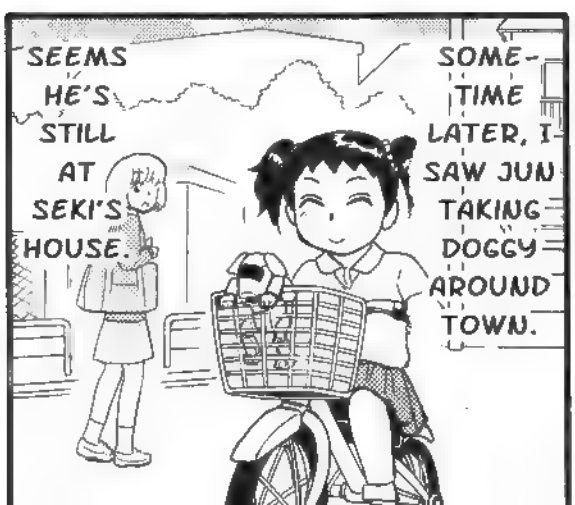

SEEMS HE'S STILL AT SEKI'S HOUSE.
SOME-TIME LATER, I SAW JUN TAKING DOGGY AROUND TOWN.

My Neighbor Seki

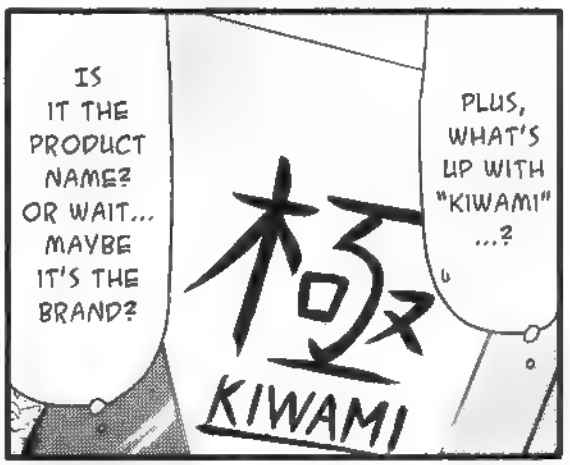
86th Period
YOU KNOW WHAT TO ENTER FOR SPEED AND TIME, RIGHT?
FOR THE FORMULA HERE...
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
AH!
コロ〜
ROLL
THEY LOOK LIKE NUTS.
WHAT ARE THOSE BROWN THINGS?
RUSTLE
SHFF
SHFF

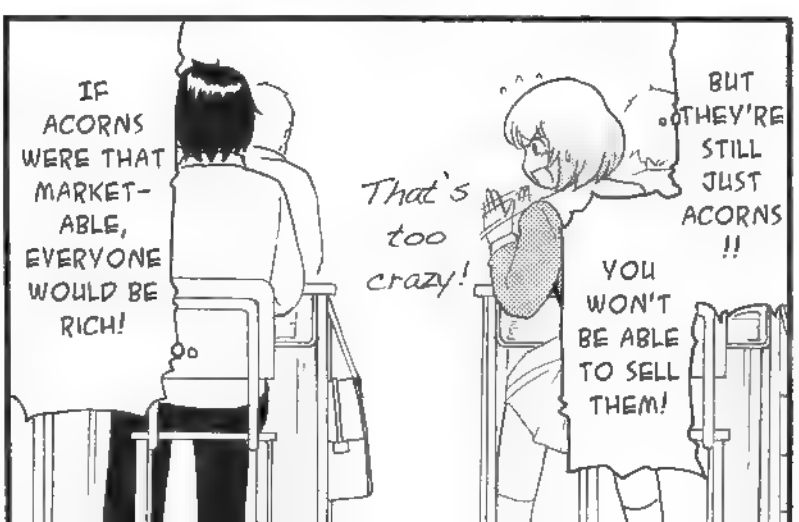
ACORNS!
I REMEMBER BOYS COLLECTING AND PLAYING WITH THEM WHEN I WAS A KID.
Oh, it's fall already!
SPINNING THEM LIKE TOPS...
OH, AND WE USED THEM FOR CRAFTS IN GRADE SCHOOL.
THIS BRINGS ME BACK...
JUMBLE
ザラ
JUMBLE
ザラ
GIVEN SEKI'S SKILLS,
HE'LL PROBABLY CRAFT SOMETHING REALLY AMAZING.
STARE
じ～っ
...
TOSS
コロ～

IS THERE REALLY SO MUCH VARIETY?
CAREFULLY SELECTING THE ONES HE'LL USE?
HE'S SORTING THEM?
WHEW
WELL, THOSE ONES LOOK PRETTY UNIFORM IN SIZE,
BUT THEY ALL SEEM LIKE ORDINARY ACORNS TO ME.
BUT THEY LOOK SPONGY... AS IF SEKI MADE THEM.
ARE THOSE... ACORN CAPS?
HM?
SHAK
SHFF
SHFF

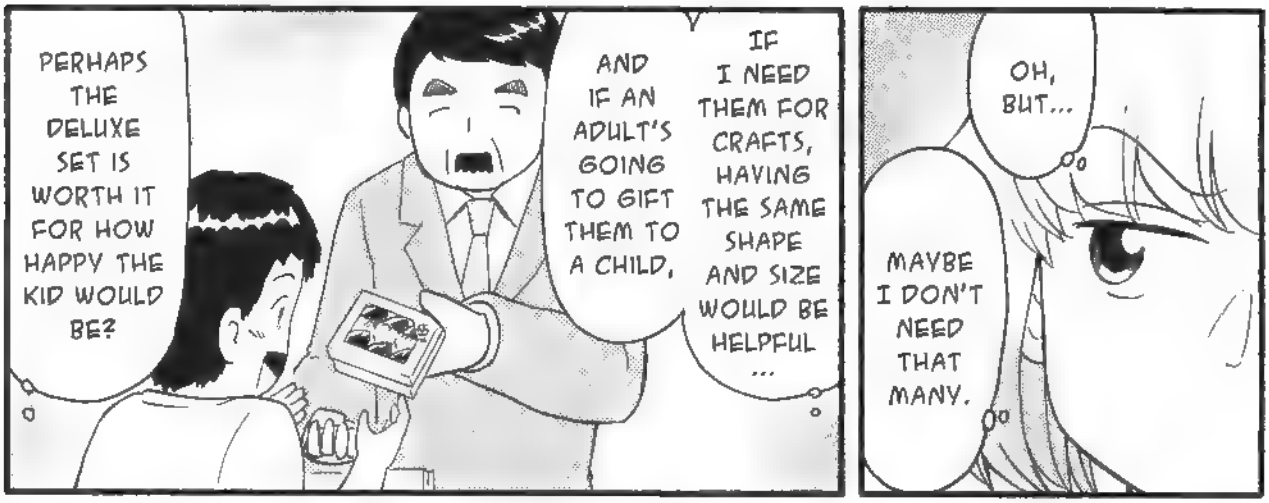
ドンッ
TA
ドンッ
DAA
WHA AAT ?!
スポッ
SPOP
HM ?
サッ サッ
ACORNS ARE ACORNS, NO MATTER HOW YOU PRESENT THEM!
WHAT'S HIS GOAL ?!
HE'S PACKED THEM VERY NEATLY AS IF THEY'RE PREMIUM FRUIT...
BUT THEY'RE JUST ACORNS!
RUSTLE カサッ

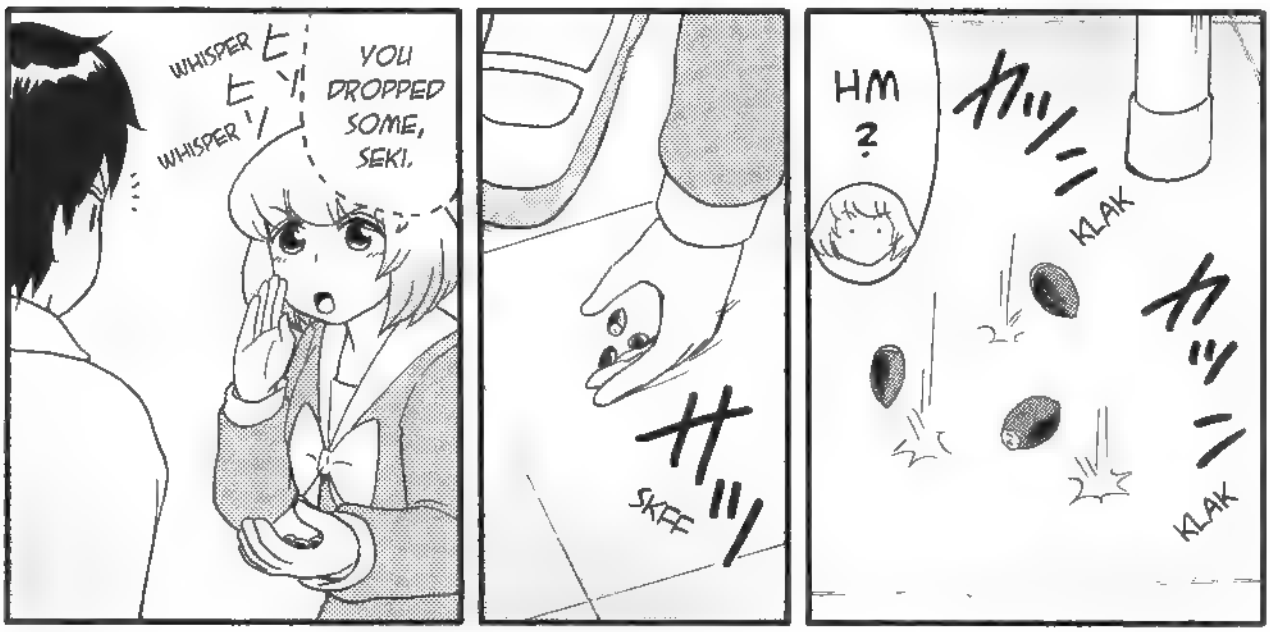
*"KIWAMI" MEANS "ULTIMATE"




IF ACORNS WERE THAT MARKETABLE, EVERYONE WOULD BE RICH!
That's too crazy!
BUT THEY'RE STILL JUST ACORNS !!
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SELL THEM!

HOW SILLY. SUCH A HUGE BAG FOR ONLY ¥300? I'D MUCH RATHER BUY THAT ONE.
HMF!
SIX FOR ¥500 IS OUT OF THE QUES-TION!
A BAR-GAIN BAG!
Value Pack ¥300


PERHAPS THE DELUXE SET IS WORTH IT FOR HOW HAPPY THE KID WOULD BE?
AND IF AN ADULT'S GOING TO GIFT THEM TO A CHILD,
IF I NEED THEM FOR CRAFTS, HAVING THE SAME SHAPE AND SIZE WOULD BE HELPFUL ...
OH, BUT...
MAYBE I DON'T NEED THAT MANY.


WHISPER
WHISPER
YOU DROPPED SOME, SEKI.
SKFF
HM ?
KLAK
KLAK

HUH? I CAN HAVE THEM?
WAVE
WAVE
GLANCE
OH!
I'D RATHER HAVE THE "KIWAMI"...
IF YOU'RE GONNA GIVE ME SOME,
1500
DON'T BE A FOOLISH CONSUMER WHO SPENDS MONEY ON THE SAME PRODUCT THAT'S JUST PACKAGED DIFFER-ENTLY!
I CAN'T FALL FOR SEKI'S BUSINESS SCHEME!
DON'T BE DUPED! THEY'RE ALL THE SAME, REMEMBER?!

SHFF
I COULD DO THE SAME THING WITH MY ACORNS...
THAT'S IT!
THE SAME PROD-UCT ...?
SQK
!
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
FWIP
!!
YOKOI FARM'S ALL-NATURAL ACORNS ¥200
THIS IS THE CAPPER!
AND, THAT'S NOT ALL, OF COURSE ...
A SIMPLE YET WARMING PACK-AGE USING A PAPER ROPE MADE FROM TISSUE.

PLUS, MINE ARE LESS THAN HALF THE PRICE!

I THINK SEKI CAN PROBABLY TELL WHICH ONE CUSTOMERS WOULD CHOOSE?

YOKOI FARM'S ALL-NATURAL ACORNS

ZOO

¥500

I'M WILLING TO BET THAT'S THE TRUE APPEAL OF THE ACORNS.

DON'T YOU FEEL A SENSE OF SECURITY FROM SEEING THE PRODUCER'S NAME AT A GLANCE, PLUS THERE'S THE HEART-WARMING IMAGE OF NATURE AND THE RURAL COUNTRY?

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SQK SQK SQK

BRAND-NAME ITEMS AREN'T ALL THAT, HUH.

SNICKER SNICKER クス クス

OH? IS HE CUT-TING THE PRICE?

WHAAAAAT?!
HARVESTED FROM A 1,000-YEAR-OLD TREE
長寿の極
KIWAMI
ULTIMATE LONGEVITY
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FLICK
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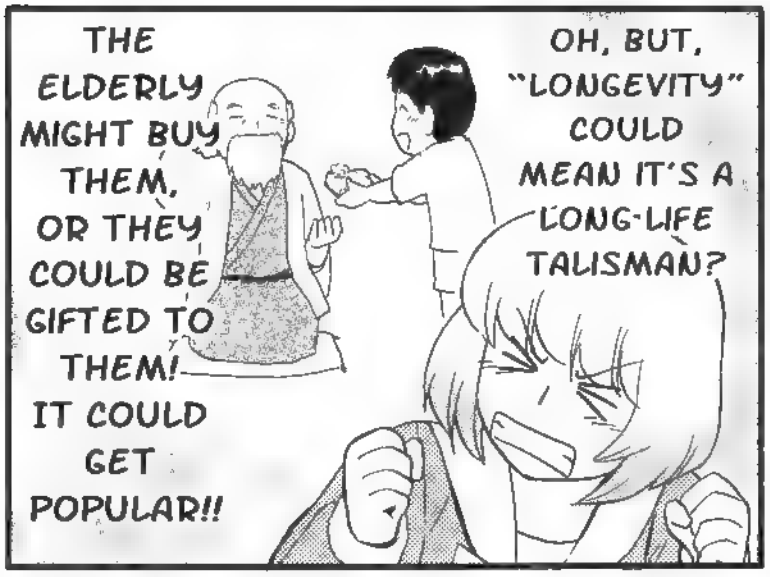
THE ELDERLY MIGHT BUY THEM, OR THEY COULD BE GIFTED TO THEM! IT COULD GET POPULAR!!
OH, BUT, "LONGEVITY" COULD MEAN IT'S A LONG-LIFE TALISMAN?

NOTHING BUT DIRTY LIES!
DON'T WRITE SUCH NON-SENSE!!

RE-GRESS-ING TO GRADE SCHOOL LEVEL.
THAT GIRL.
OH, COULD YOU WAIT A SEC?
YOKOI STARTED TO GATHER ACORNS.

AND THUS, WITH SUCH A BATTLE UNDER WAY,
SKEE
サササッ
THEN I'M GONNA MAKE MINE A TALISMAN FOR GOOD HEALTH.
RGH

87th Period
...SUCH WAS THE CULTURE OF THE LATE EDO PERIOD...
WOW, SEKI'S TAKING NOTES FOR ONCE...
TAP
TAP
MEDICAL ART...
IT'S A TREA-SURE MAP!
GOT IT!
NO, WAIT ...
100 Mountains
Water Tower

THEN WHY DOES HE NEED TO LOOK AT A MAP?
WAIT. HE'S FOUND THE TREASURE ALREADY?
I CAN'T BE WRONG!!
BOOM
I MEAN, HE'S GOT A TREASURE CHEST OUT...!
LOOKS LIKE IT'S NOT EASY.
HE'S MAKING A TREASURE MAP?
OH!
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
Eternity pond
I WONDER WHAT'S INSIDE?
THEN SEKI CHOSE ITS CONTENTS, TOO?
WHICH MEANS SOMEONE ELSE WILL BE USING THE MAP TO FIND IT?
AH! SEKI'S ROLE IS TO HIDE THE TREASURE CHEST!

OH. HE HASN'T PUT THE TREASURE IN YET.
IT'S EMPTY...
RUSTLE ゴソ
RUSTLE ゴソ
POP パカ
HUH?
SO THE TREASURE HADN'T BEEN DECIDED.
HE'S PICKING OUT WHAT TO PUT INSIDE?
AH!
ゴトン KLUNK
ガチャン GACHNK
WHAT DID HE PICK?!
AH! あっ
CLOSE パタ
SO HE PREPARED THE MAP AND NOW HE NEEDS TO FILL THE CHEST WITH THINGS A KID WILL LIKE.
I BET HE WAS ASKED BY JUN OR SOME KIDS TO MAKE A TREASURE MAP FOR THEM.

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KREAK
カチャッ
KLATCH

AND THEY MIGHT GET ANNOYED AT BEING TREATED LIKE KIDS...
TOYS WOULD MAKE KIDS HAPPY, BUT THEY DON'T SUIT THE ELEGANT CHEST,
IT DOESN'T FEEL LIKE ENOUGH...
TOYS ...
WHAT BOYS WOULD CONSIDER TREASURE ...
BUT YOU COULDN'T FIT SUCH THINGS INSIDE!
AND EVEN SEKI COULDN'T MAKE THAT STUFF HIMSELF ...
BUT THOSE TOYS MAKE ME THINK THE TREA-SURE IS MEANT FOR A BOY.
JUN'S GIRLY SO I CAN EASILY GUESS WHAT SHE'D ENJOY ...
SHFF
SHFF
WOULDN'T DREAMS BE BETTER ...?
BUT RATHER THAN SIMPLE "OBJECTS,"

A NEW TREA-SURE MAP?!
Treasure No. 2
IS THAT
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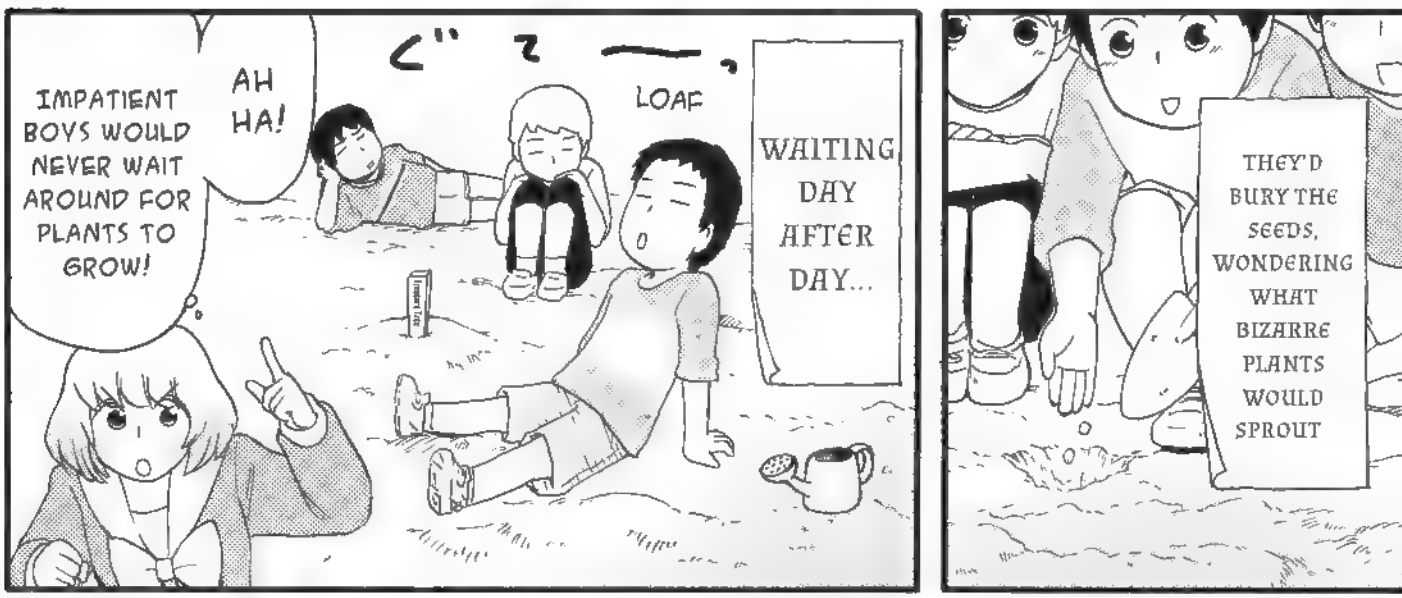
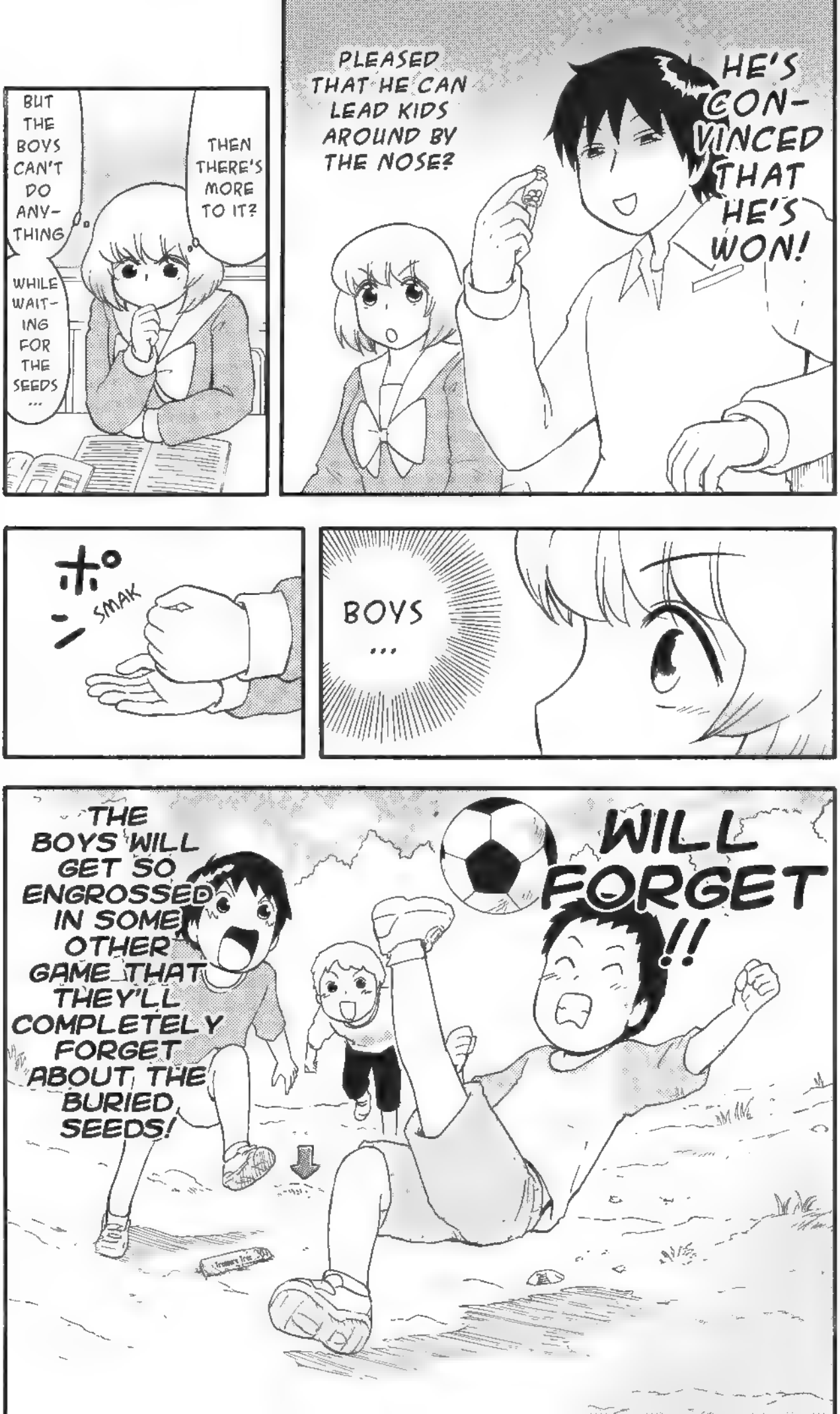
WHIP
BUT...
Treasure No. 2
THAT MIGHT BE NICE, THE THRILLING DREAM OF AN ADVENTURE THAT'S NOT OVER.
I SEE! HE'S TELLING THE SEEKER THAT THERE'S STILL MORE OUT THERE!
THE KIDS WITH THEIR EXPECT-ATIONS BETRAYED, DEFLATED!
"WE GOTTA SEARCH AGAIN?!"
NO, NO, I CAN JUST PICTURE IT.

KCHAK
KCHAK
HOW HARD IT IS TO NOT DESTROY A CHILD'S DREAM...
I HAD NO IDEA...
OH, HE FOUND SOME SORT OF TREASURE?
!
KLAK
OF SOME PLANT? WOULD THOSE MAKE BOYS HAPPY ...?
SEEDS?
SEEDS FROM INSIDE THE CHEST ...

MYSTERY SEEDS!!
NICE! A BIT OF FANTASY AND MYSTERY!
AND NOT OUT OF PLACE IN A TREA-SURE CHEST.
WORKED HARD TO DIG UP AND RETRIEVE THE CHEST,
THEY FIGURED OUT THE SPOT USING THE MAP,
THEN OPENED IT, AND FOUND


AH HA!
IMPATIENT BOYS WOULD NEVER WAIT AROUND FOR PLANTS TO GROW!
LOAF
WAITING DAY AFTER DAY...
THEY'D BURY THE SEEDS, WONDERING WHAT BIZARRE PLANTS WOULD SPROUT

THAT FACE !!
THAT'S A MIS-TAKE ...


BUT THE BOYS CAN'T DO ANY-THING
WHILE WAIT-ING FOR THE SEEDS ...
THEN THERE'S MORE TO IT?
PLEASED THAT HE CAN LEAD KIDS AROUND BY THE NOSE?
HE'S CON-VINCED THAT HE'S WON!
SMAK
BOYS ...
THE BOYS WILL GET SO ENGROSSED IN SOME OTHER GAME THAT THEY'LL COMPLETELY FORGET ABOUT THE BURIED SEEDS!
WILL FORGET!!

カラン
KLINK
A MATURE SOLUTION WHERE NO ONE GETS HURT!
BRILLIANT, SEKI!
AND THE ONE WHO BURIED THE TREASURE WON'T BE DISAP-POINTED, EITHER.
THE DREAM WILL BE PRE-SERVED.
HUH?
コトッ
TAK
HM? HIS LUNCH BOX ...
?
RUMMAGE
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RUMMAGE
YOKOI SNUCK THE PITS INSIDE THE BOTTLE INTO THE GARBAGE DURING A BREAK.
YOU CAN'T TURN THOSE INTO TREASURE !!
WERE THE PITS OF SEKI'S DRIED PLUMS ?!!
THAT IS GROSS! GROSS!
DON'T TELL ME THOSE "SEEDS"
チュ
PTOO

SKRITCH
SKRITCH
88th Period
NOTE THE GRAM-MAR HERE—
KLUNK
RUMMAGE
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SFF
SWSH
A MIRROR?
IS HE GONNA TRY A NEW HAIR-STYLE?

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FLOOF
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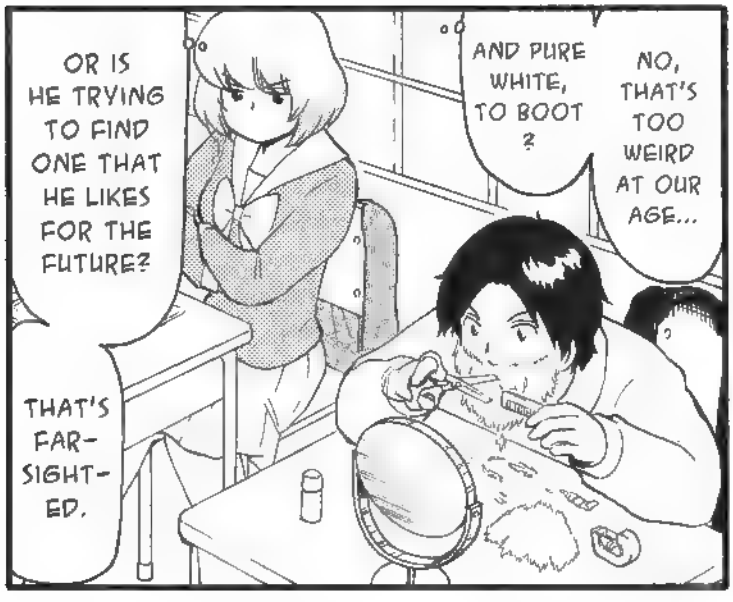
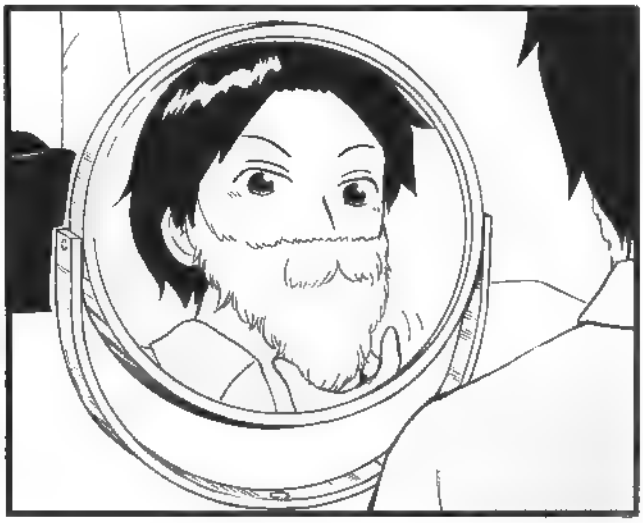

OR IS HE TRYING TO FIND ONE THAT HE LIKES FOR THE FUTURE?
THAT'S FAR-SIGHT-ED.
AND PURE WHITE, TO BOOT?
NO, THAT'S TOO WEIRD AT OUR AGE...

WHY! SEKI'S CHANGING HIS LOOK WITH A BEARD, NOT A HAIR STYLE?
A BEARD?!

AH!
FWFF
モリッ



SANTA CLAUS?!
RED HAT, WHITE BEARD...
あっ OH!
キュッ TUG
IT MIGHT BE A GOOD THING TO CRAFT A REALISTIC BEARD THAT MATCHES HIS FACE.
OF COURSE SEKI'S VERY PREPARED.
X'mas Cakes
THE HALF-HEARTED SANTAS YOU SEE AT BAKERIES ARE A BIT OF A LET-DOWN.
THEIR BEARDS ARE JUST GLUED-ON COTTON.
AH, I SEE. CHRISTMAS IS COMING.
AND SEKI'S FAMILY SEEMS LIKE THE HOLIDAY PARTY TYPE.
SO TODAY HE'S PREPPING A SANTA COSTUME?
WHOA?!
ZWISH
A REGULAR PEN...
IS IT A MAKEUP TOOL?
HM?
KCHAK カチャ

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KCHAK
LEAVE IT TO SEKI TO GO ALL-OUT.
It's a bit scary
HE'S EVEN DRAWING WRINKLES ON HIS FACE !!
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WAIT, EVEN MORE MAKEUP ?!
SHFF
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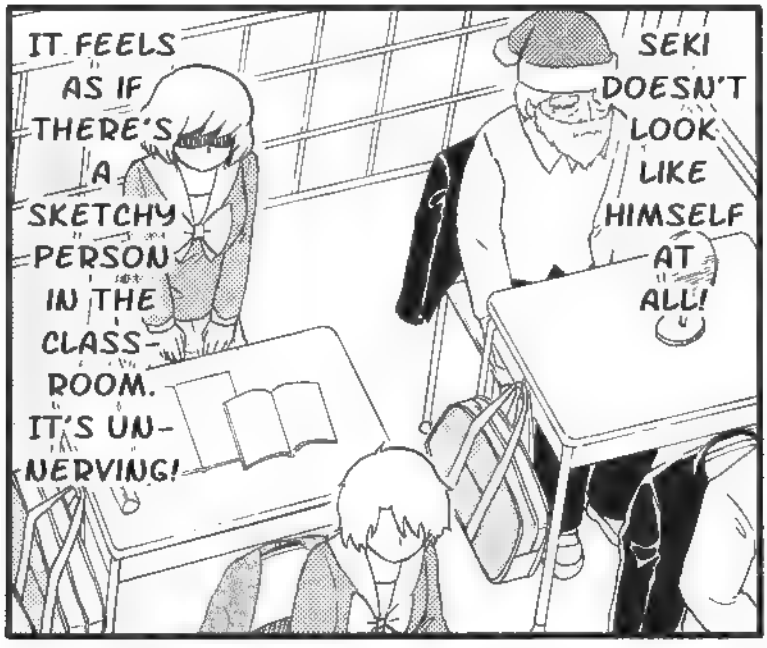
GLANCE

WHO IS THAT?!
WH...


IT FEELS AS IF THERE'S A SKETCHY PERSON IN THE CLASS-ROOM. IT'S UN-NERVING!
SEKI DOESN'T LOOK LIKE HIMSELF AT ALL!

IT'S SO GOOD I CAN'T EVEN TELL WHO IT IS!
THAT'S SPECIAL EFFECTS MAKEUP!
OVERKILL!

NOW HE'S LAUGH-ING!
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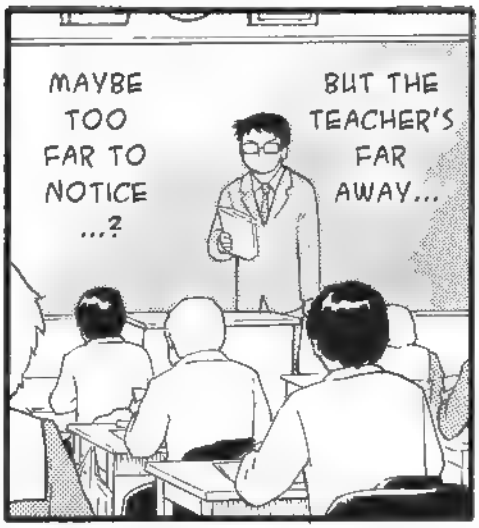
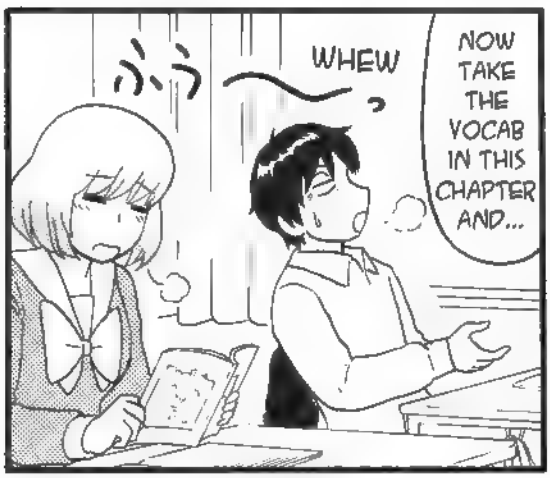
EEK!
HO HO! フォッ フォッ

!!
SEKI!
START READING FROM CHAPTER 2.
THAT'S WHAT IT IS IN JAPANESE.
OKAY, MOVING ON, UHM...
WHO ARE WE UP TO...?
RRIP
YANK
WHAT NOW, GRANDPA?!
YOU CAN'T STAND UP AND READ WITH THAT FACE ON!
FLIP
FLIP
KLATTER
HE TOOK OFF JUST THE HAT AND BEARD!!
HE LOOKS A BIT YOUNGER, BUT STILL COMPLETELY DIFFERENT!
YOU SURE THAT'S OKAY?!

PALE?! HIS ENTIRE FACE IS DIFFERENT!
YOU LOOK PALE.
ARE YOU FEELING OKAY?


MAYBE TOO FAR TO NOTICE ...?
BUT THE TEACHER'S FAR AWAY...

HEY, SEKI...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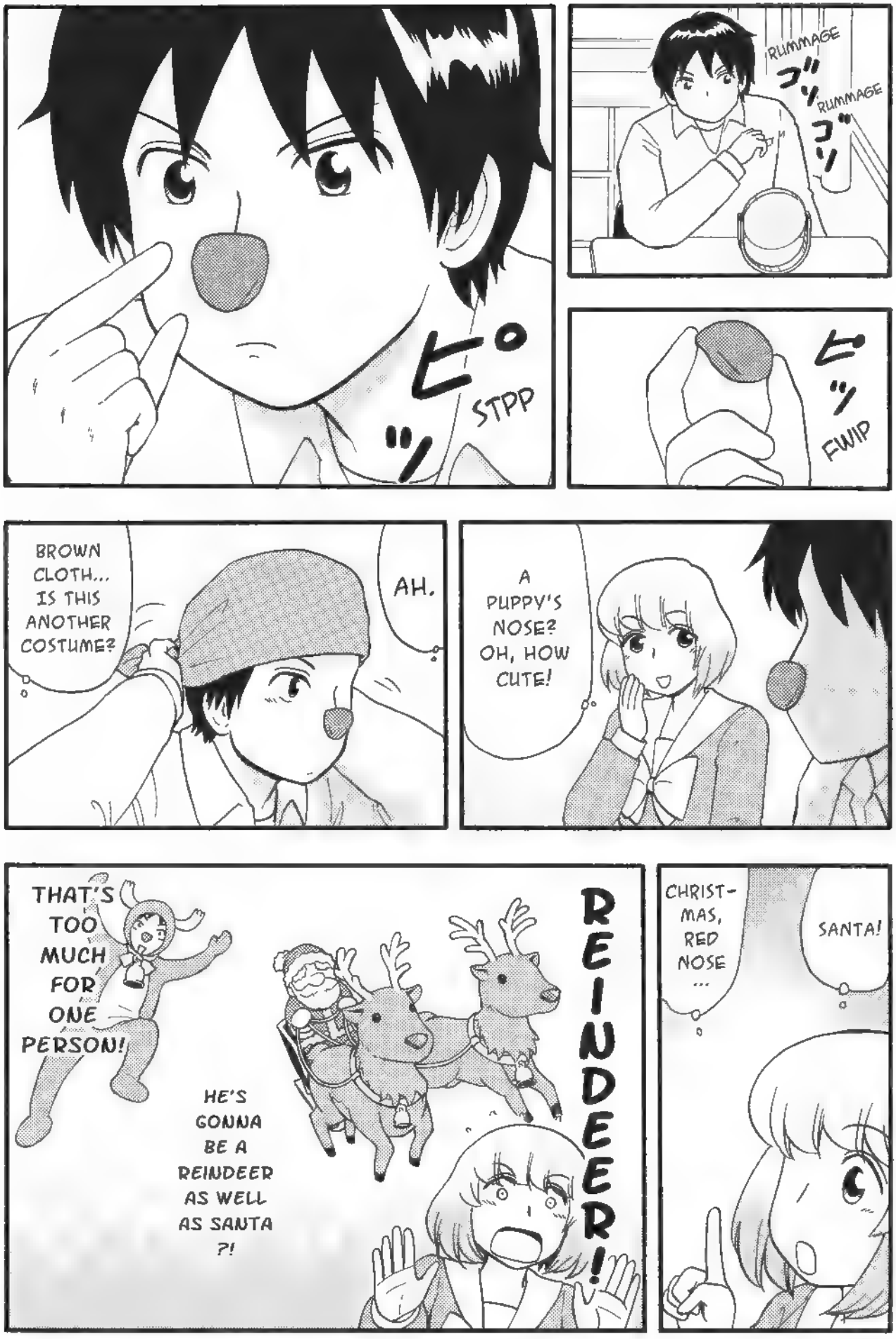
WHEW
NOW TAKE THE VOCAB IN THIS CHAPTER AND...

FWUMP

WELL, DON'T PUSH YOURSELF.
YOU'RE FINE? I SEE.

YAY! I'LL FEEL BETTER IF HE STOPS LOOKING SO SKETCHY.
HE'S REMOVING THE MAKEUP!

AH!
SCRUB
SCRUB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STPP
RUMMAGE
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FWIP
BROWN CLOTH... IS THIS ANOTHER COSTUME?
AH.
A PUPPY'S NOSE? OH, HOW CUTE!
THAT'S TOO MUCH FOR ONE PERSON!
HE'S GONNA BE A REINDEER AS WELL AS SANTA ?!
REINDEER!
CHRIST-MAS, RED NOSE ...
SANTA!

YES SIR!
KLATTER
OKAY. NEXT UP... YOKOI.
FROM WHERE WE LEFT OFF.
MAKEUP AGAIN?
BUT EVEN SEKI CAN'T TURN INTO A REINDEER WITH JUST MAKEUP!
"He finds writing letters to be very interesting"
"The man reading the letter is my brother. He has a pen pal"
WH-WH-WHAT'S WITH THAT WEIRD LOOK?!!
SHOOP
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE TRYING TO MAKE A REIN-DEER FACE?
S-SORRY.
KOSH
KOSH
WHY ARE YOU MAKING YOUR EYES CROSS?

STOP! STOP IT!
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SNARFLE
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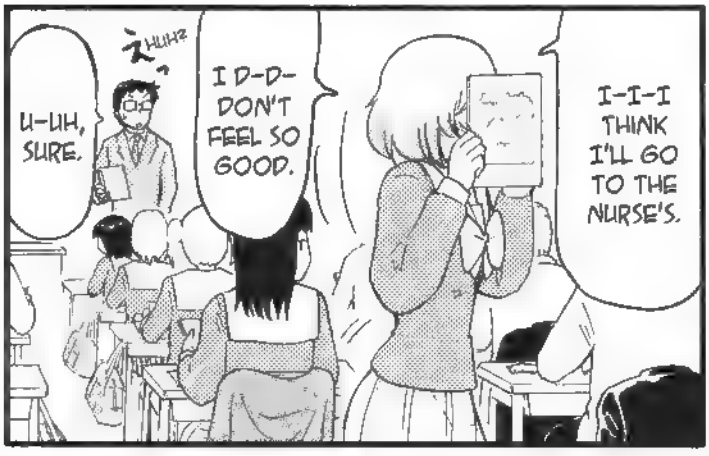
MYERRR


U-UH, SURE.
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I D-D-DON'T FEEL SO GOOD.
I-I-I THINK I'LL GO TO THE NURSE'S.

WHY DID YOU STOP READING?
HEY, YOKOI.
SHAKE
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SHAKE
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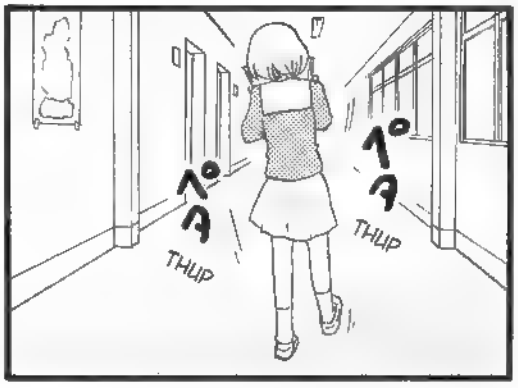
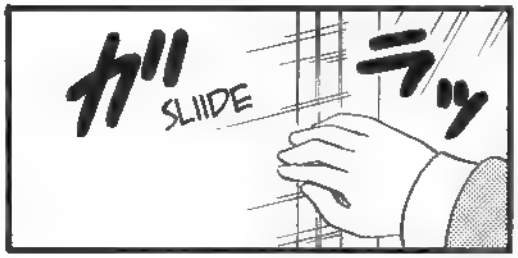
STUPID, STUPID, STUPID SEKI!!
AH HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA HA!


THUP
THUP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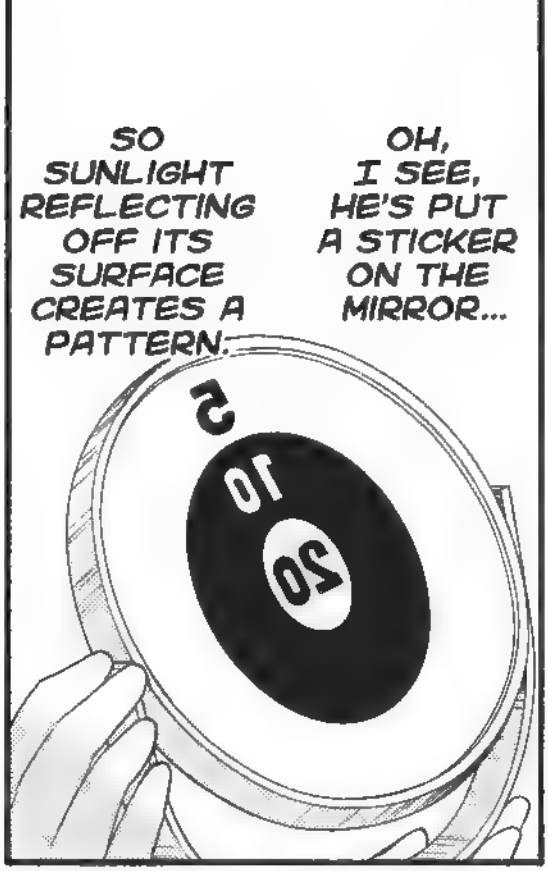
KCHK
KCHK
KCHK
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
HM ?
I DON'T WANT TO GO THROUGH THE SAME THING.
I SHOULD SCOLD HIM, SINCE
WHY IS IT OUT AGAIN?
IS THAT THE SAME MIRROR HE USED LAST PERIOD?


SO SUNLIGHT REFLECTING OFF ITS SURFACE CREATES A PATTERN.
OH, I SEE, HE'S PUT A STICKER ON THE MIRROR...
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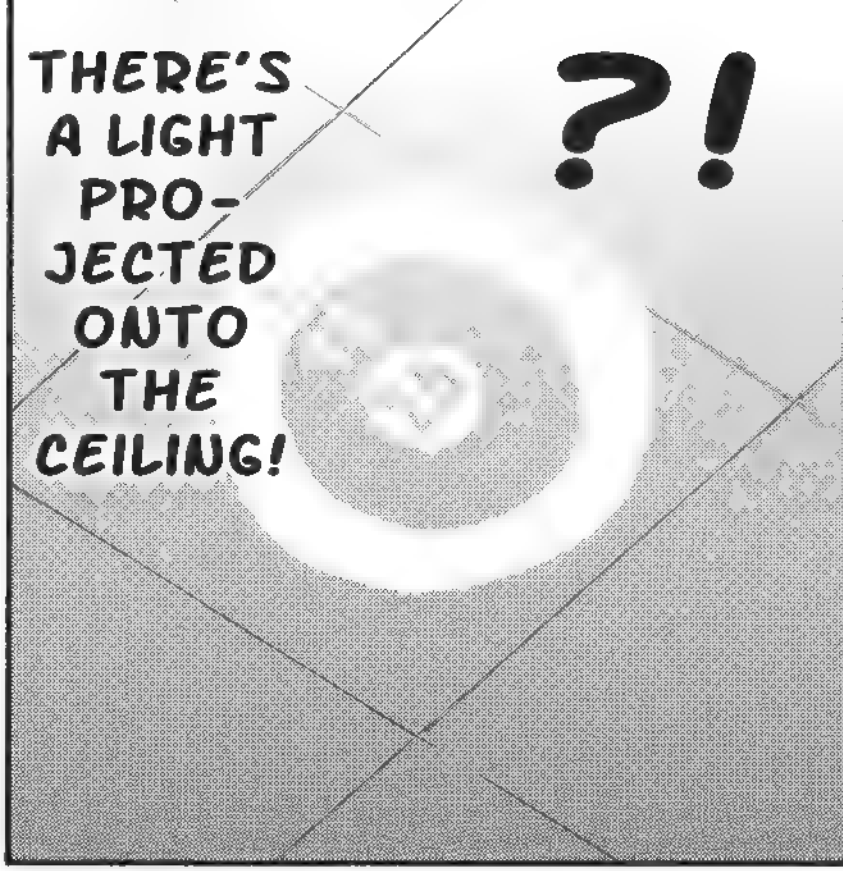
THERE'S A LIGHT PRO-JECTED ONTO THE CEILING!
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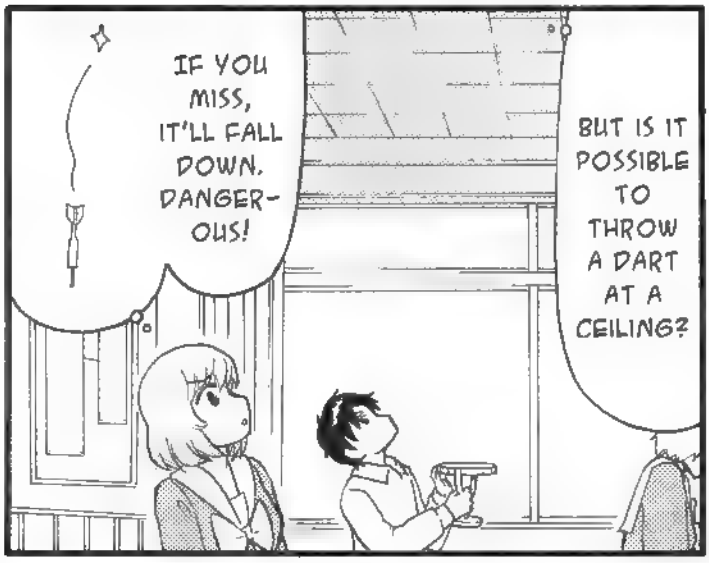
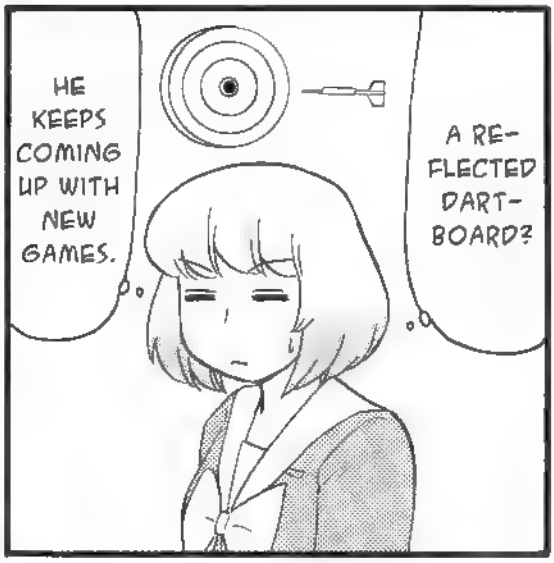
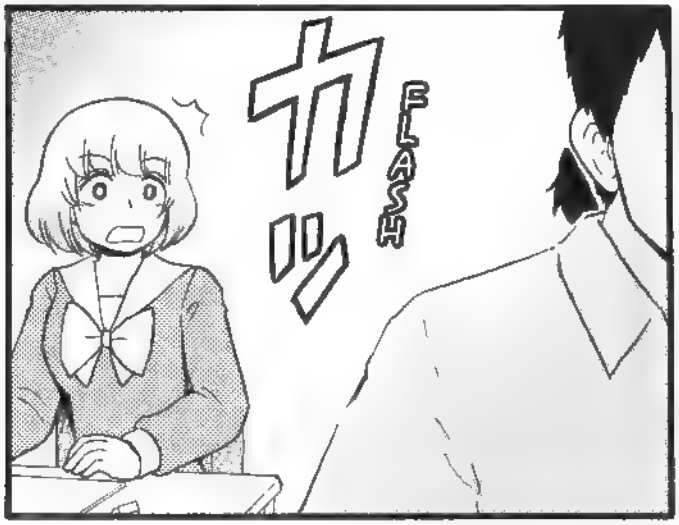

IF YOU MISS, IT'LL FALL DOWN. DANGER-OUS!
BUT IS IT POSSIBLE TO THROW A DART AT A CEILING?


HE KEEPS COMING UP WITH NEW GAMES.
A RE-FLECTED DART-BOARD?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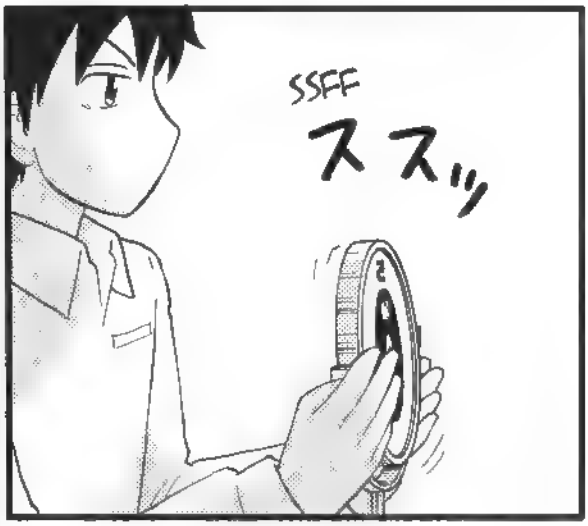
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THE MIDDLE OF MAEDA'S BACK?!
THE BULLS-EYE TARGET MOVED TO
HUH?
HEY, HEY, YOU'RE REALLY GONNA DO IT?!
SWISH
SWISH
YOU CAN'T THROW DARTS AT SOMEONE'S BODY!
THAT'S EVEN MORE RISKY!
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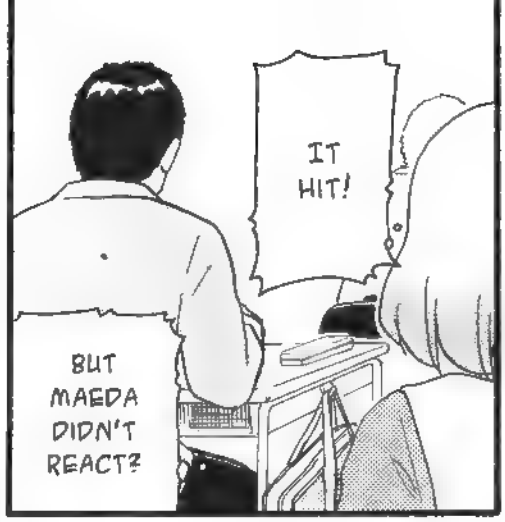
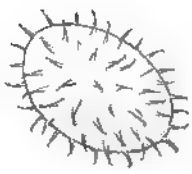
WAAH!!
SWIP

THAT'S ...

IT'S NOT A DART!



PRICKLY SEED HUSKS THAT ENDED UP ON MY CLOTHES IN MEADOWS AND THINGS!



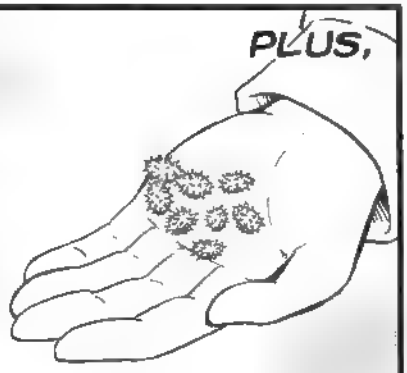
I REMEMBER SEEING THEM AS A KID.

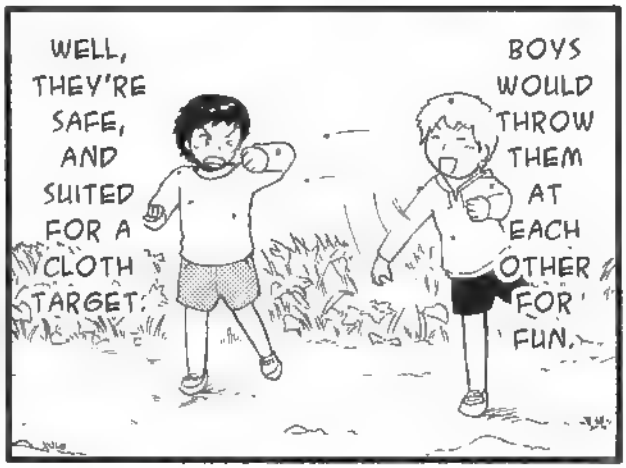
A BURR!

FORMAL NAME: COCKLEBUR
HAS SPINES WHICH CLING EASILY TO CLOTHING VARIOUSLY KNOWN AS "PRICKLY SEEDS," "FOOL'S FRUIT," "THIEF," ETC IN DIFFERENT REGIONS.

YOU CAN STICK THEM ON WITHOUT GETTING NOTICED.

PLUS,





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IF YOU'RE GONNA PLAY WITH THEM, AT LEAST DON'T BOTHER OTHERS.
BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT OKAY!
ピクッ
TWITCH
!
スッ
TURN
HE'S AT IT AGAIN !!
ヒュッ
TOSS
♪
スッ
TURN

WHIP

ピッ
PICK

!!

HE'S TOTALLY BEEN FOUND OUT!
SKFF
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SKFF
ゴッ
THIS IS A FIRST!

HOW BROAD-MINDED OF HIM!!
OH, MAEDA DIDN'T GET MAD.
TOSS
ポイッ
HE'S GONNA CHEW SEKI OUT!
SEKI IS ROTTEN TO THE CORE!!
SEE! HE HASN'T LEARNED HIS LESSON!
LEAN
BUT ...
ARE THOSE ... THE BURRS MAEDA TOSSED AWAY JUST NOW!
DROP
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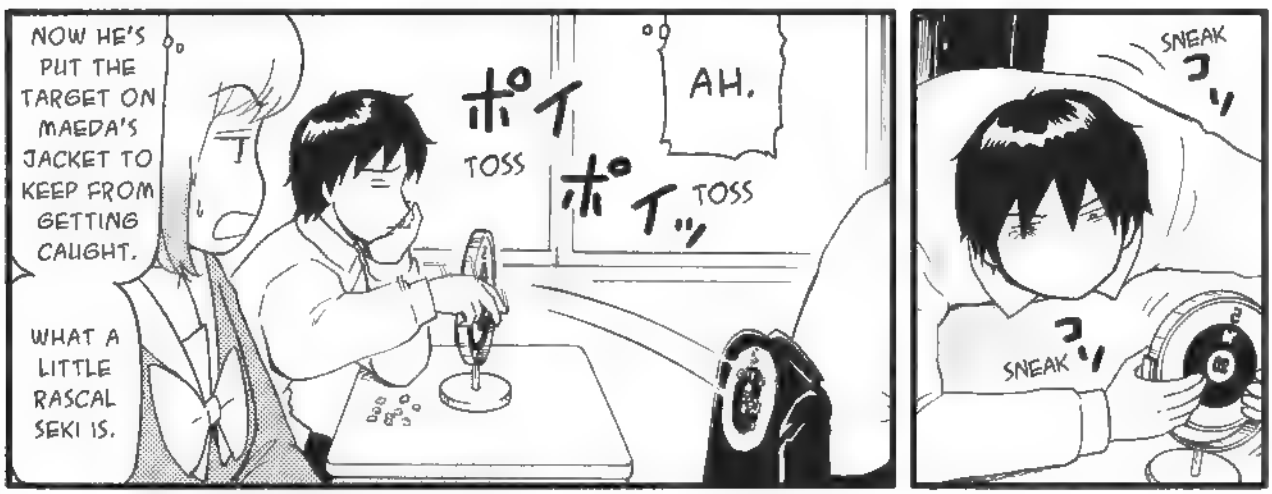
DROP

THAT'S RIGHT!
BUT IF SEKI HADN'T TRIED TO TOSS ANOTHER, WOULDN'T THEY HAVE MISSED?
IT LOOKED LIKE HE JUST THREW THEM AWAY, BUT WAS HE IN FACT AIMING?
PLUS, THAT AMAZING TRAJEC-TORY !!
SO HE KNEW THAT SEKI WOULDN'T GIVE UP AND THROW AGAIN !!
HE'S GOOD AT THROWING AND READING HIS OPPONENT'S STRATEGY.
THAT'S MAEDA, THE BASEBALL TEAM'S ACE PITCHER!
SEKI HAS BEEN THOR-OUGHLY DEFEATED BY MAEDA'S ABILITIES!
HE HAS LOST.

JUST ADMIT DEFEAT AND BE GOOD.
HUH?! HE'S STILL GONNA DO IT?
...
WHIRL
FLICK
ZWISH

DEALT A FIN-ISHING BLOW!
SLUMP
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR CHALLENG-ING SOMEONE OUT OF YOUR LEAGUE!
THWAP


NOW HE'S PUT THE TARGET ON MAEDA'S JACKET TO KEEP FROM GETTING CAUGHT.
WHAT A LITTLE RASCAL SEKI IS.
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TOSS
AH.
ポイッ
TOSS
SNEAK
SNEAK

SEKI'S GETTING 10 TIMES THE PAY-BACK!
WAAH!
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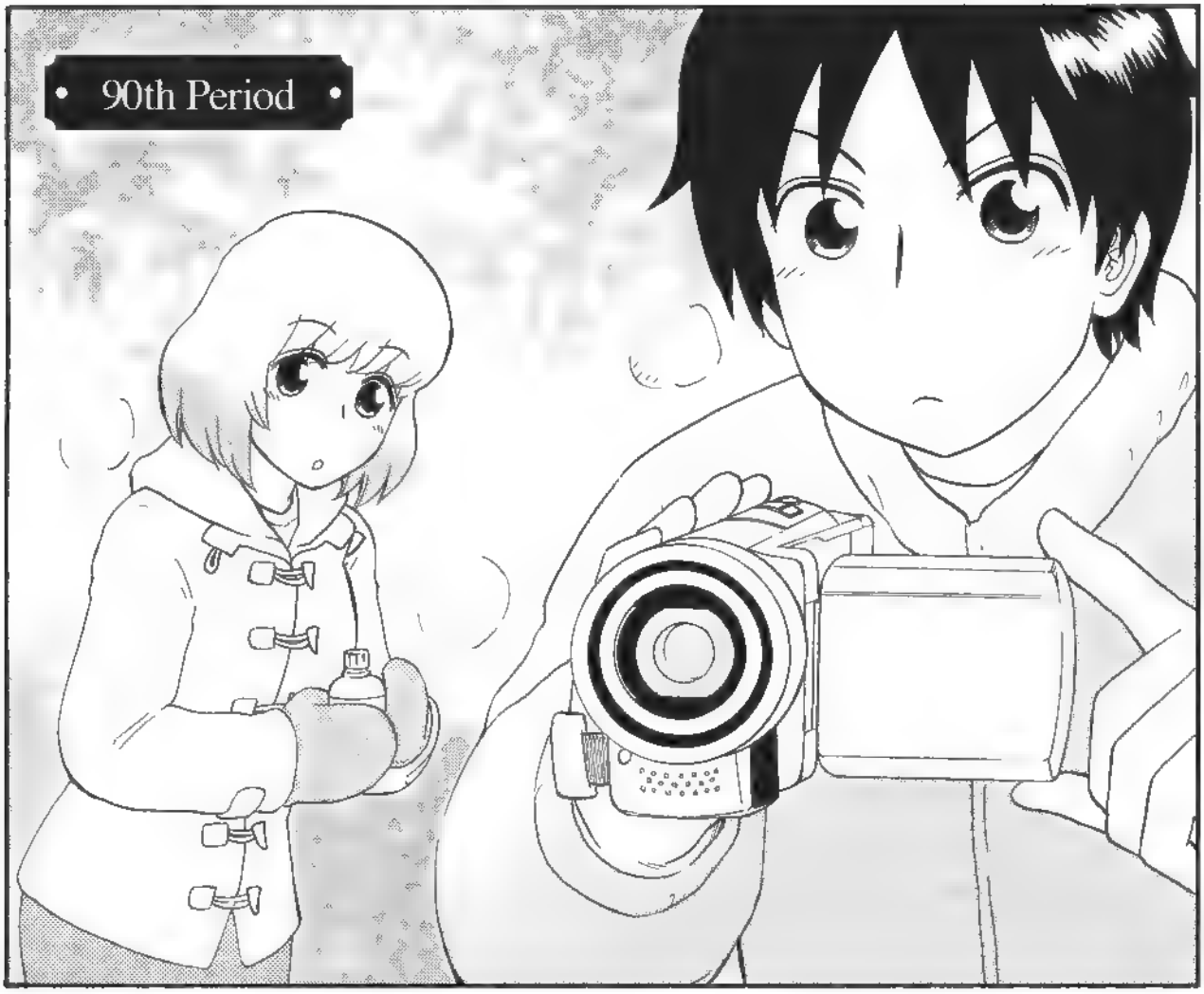
SHPP
SHPP
Dummy
BREAK PERIOD.
THWK
THWK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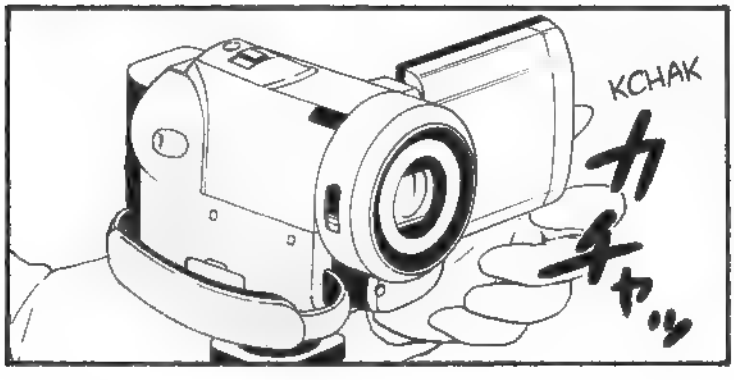
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IN REGARDS TO IONS, IF YOU
UNDER-STAND ATOMIC STRUC-TURE...

A CLASS-ROOM LANDSCAPE IS PRETTY BORING, IF YOU ASK ME.
BUT WHAT'S HE GONNA RECORD DURING CLASS?
ANOTHER UNUSUAL ITEM...
A VIDEO CAMERA?
IS IT ONE HIS FAMILY USES?
DON'T SHOOT ME WITH NO WARN-ING!
NO, NO!
SWIVEL
クルン
KTUNK
ゴト…
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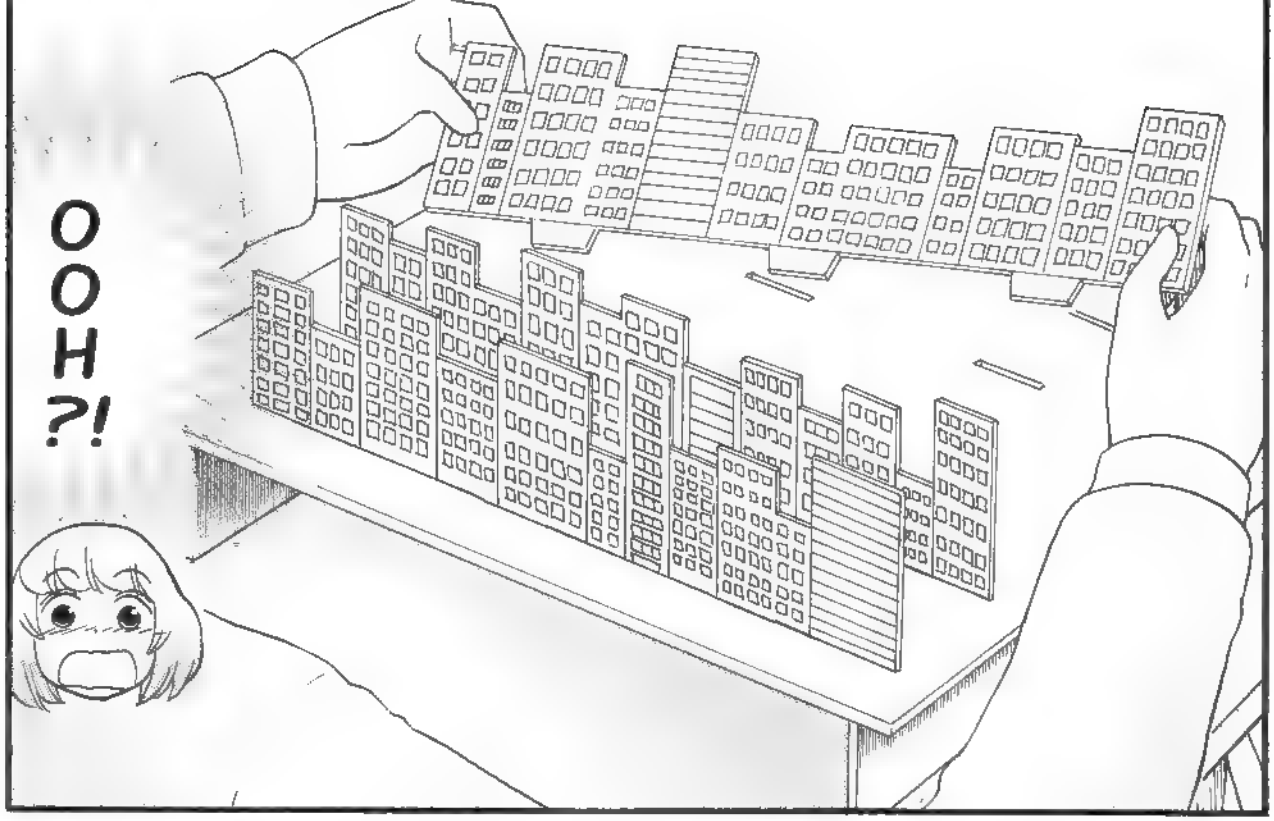
KTUNK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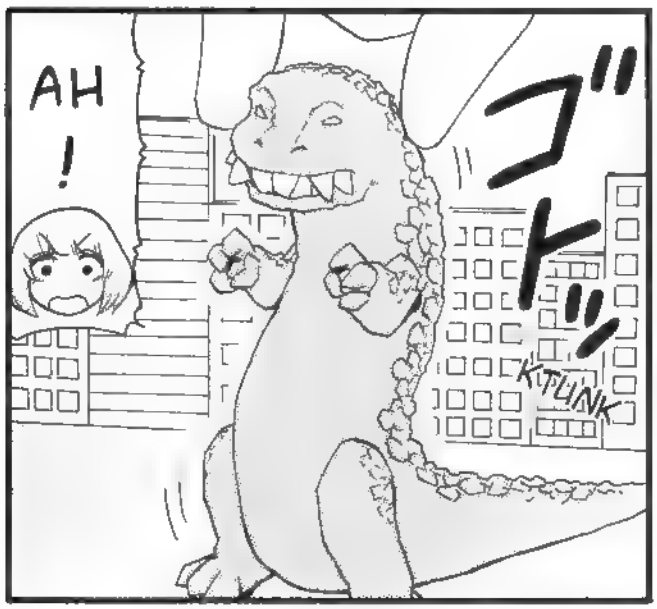
AH!
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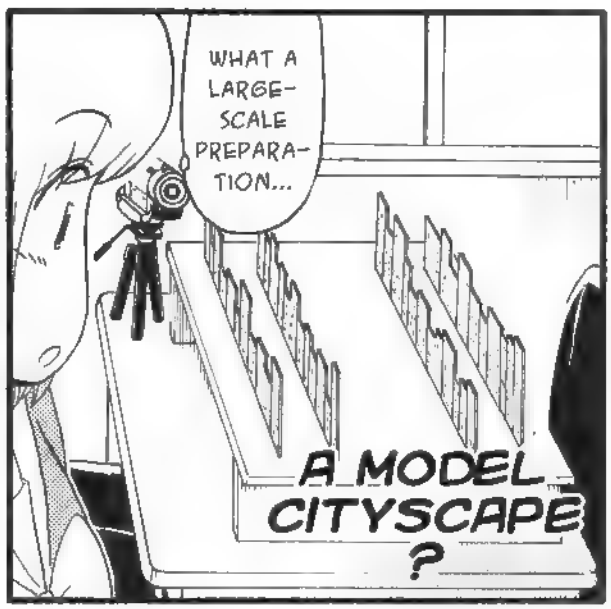
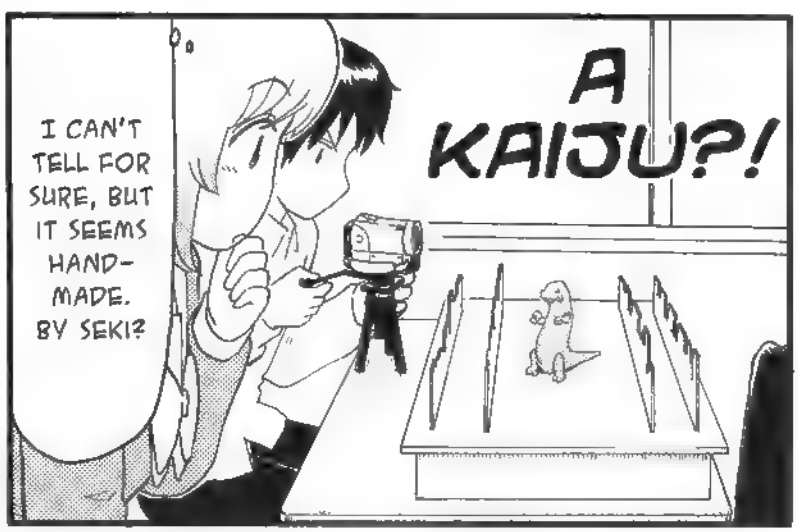
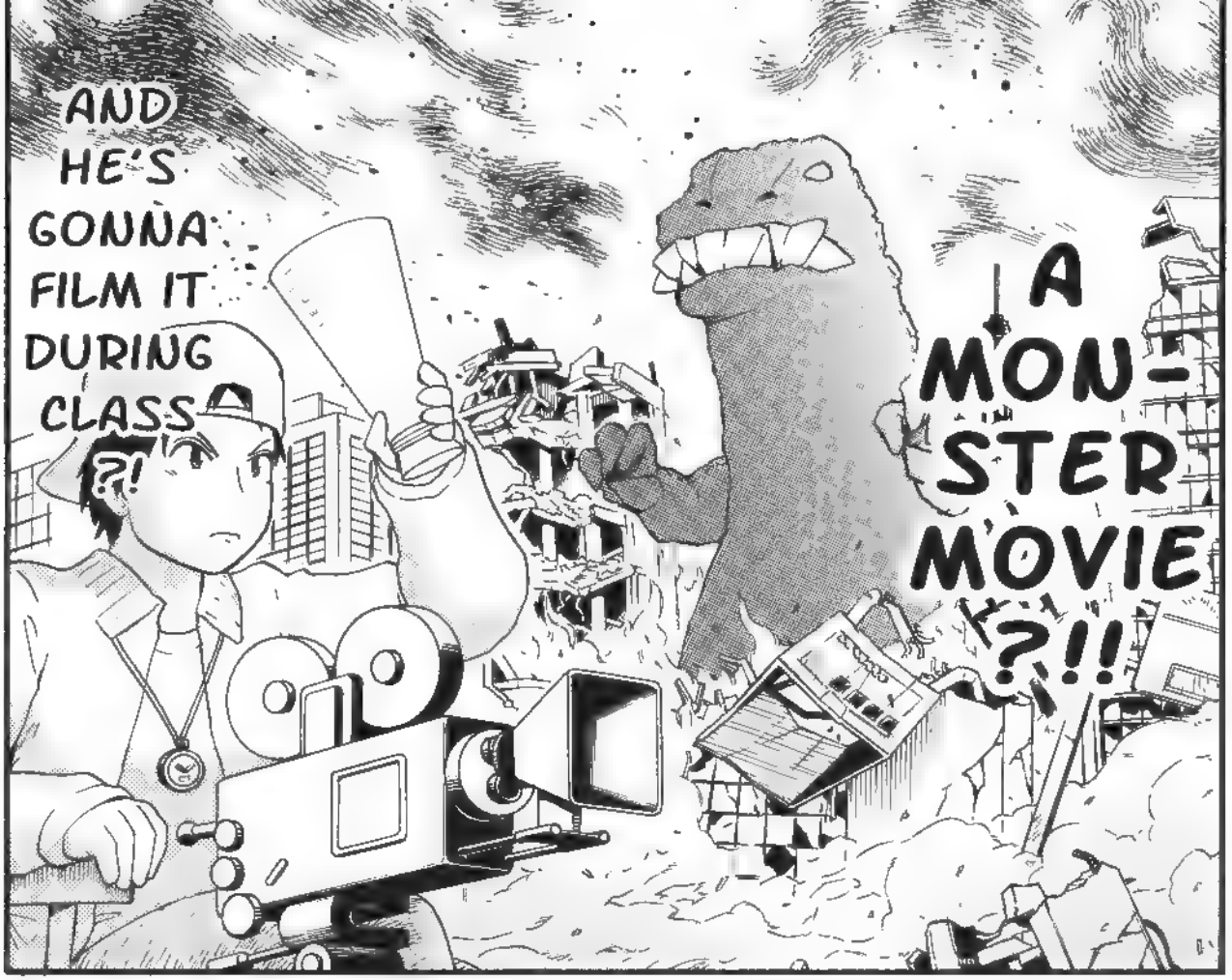
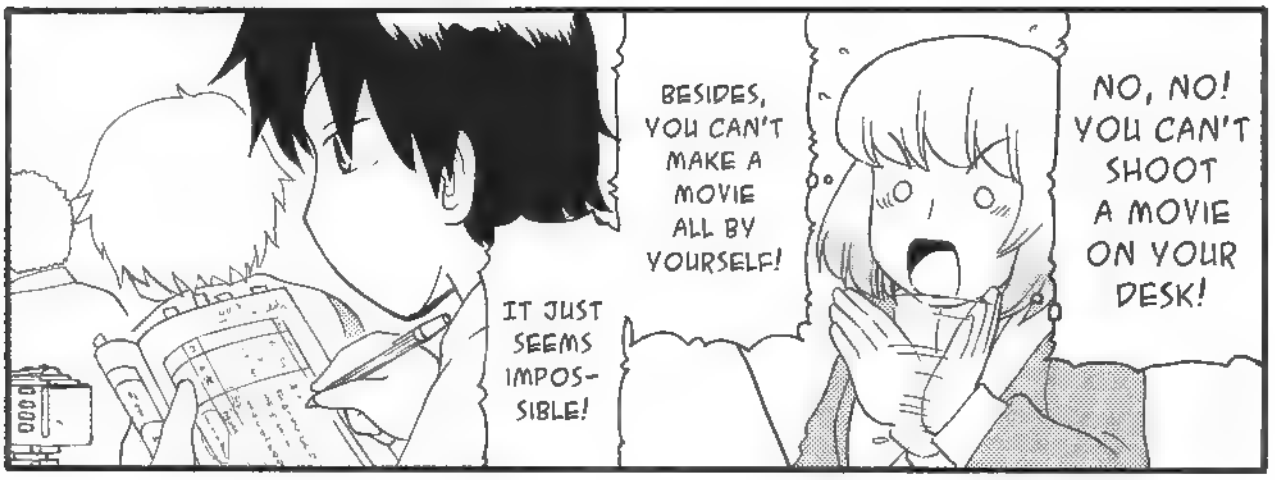
KITUNK

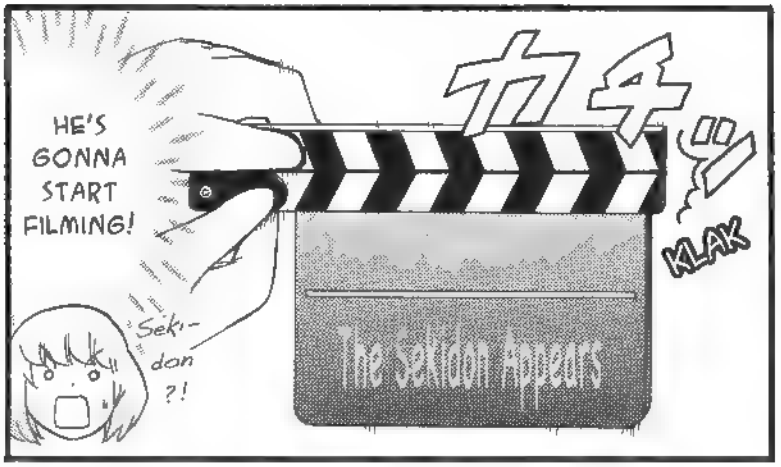

WHAT A LARGE-SCALE PREPARATION...
A MODEL CITYSCAPE?

Video camera
+
Cityscape set
+
Kaiju
FILMING A KAIJU FOR FUN.
OH! COULD THIS BE...


I CAN'T TELL FOR SURE, BUT IT SEEMS HAND-MADE. BY SEKI?
A KAIJU?!


AND HE'S GONNA FILM IT DURING CLASS?!
A MONSTER MOVIE?!!

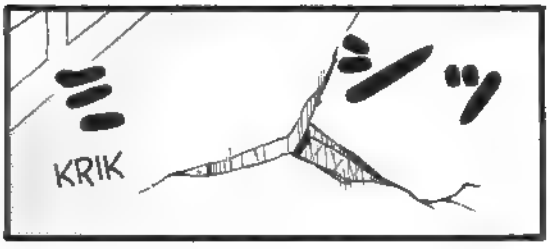

IT JUST SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE!
BESIDES, YOU CAN'T MAKE A MOVIE ALL BY YOURSELF!
NO, NO! YOU CAN'T SHOOT A MOVIE ON YOUR DESK!


HE'S GONNA START FILMING!
カチン
KLAK
Sekidon ?!
The Sekidon Appears

RUSTLE
RUSTLE

YOU'RE REALLY DOING IT?
I MEAN, THE SEKIDON (?) LOOKS LIKE A PLAIN OLD DOLL...
BUT WITHOUT MOVEMENT, IT WON'T BE MUCH OF A MOVIE.
SEKI'S HAND IS INSIDE THE BASE ...
HE'S MOVING IT WITH MAGNETS ?
WHIRL
IT MOVED !
HUH? WHAT IS THAT...?
BREAKING NEWS!
SPECIAL REPORT
SEKIDON IN TOKYO
EVACUATION WARNINGS ISSUED FOR MULTIPLE AREAS
BUT IT'S A PAIN TO DO ALONE.
HIS PREP IS AMAZING,
WHISK
SHFF
RUMMAGE

ISN'T THAT USUALLY ADDED LATER?
IS SEKI REALLY PLANNING TO FINISH IT THIS PERIOD?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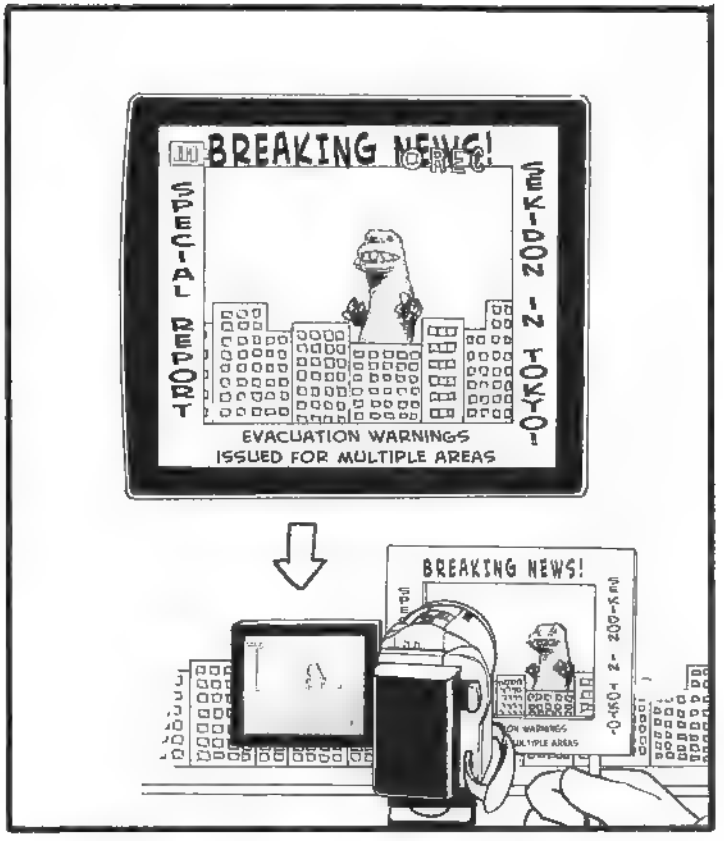

BREAKING NEWS!
REC
SPECIAL REPORT
TOKYO-2 200-KM
EVACUATION WARNINGS
ISSUED FOR MULTIPLE AREAS
BREAKING NEWS!

WELL, OF COURSE AN ENEMY KAIJU IS NEEDED FOR THE FINAL SHOW-DOWN.
AN-OTHER KAIJU ?!

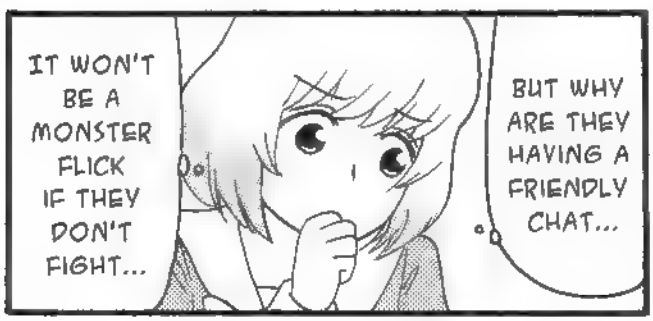
KRAAK
KRAK

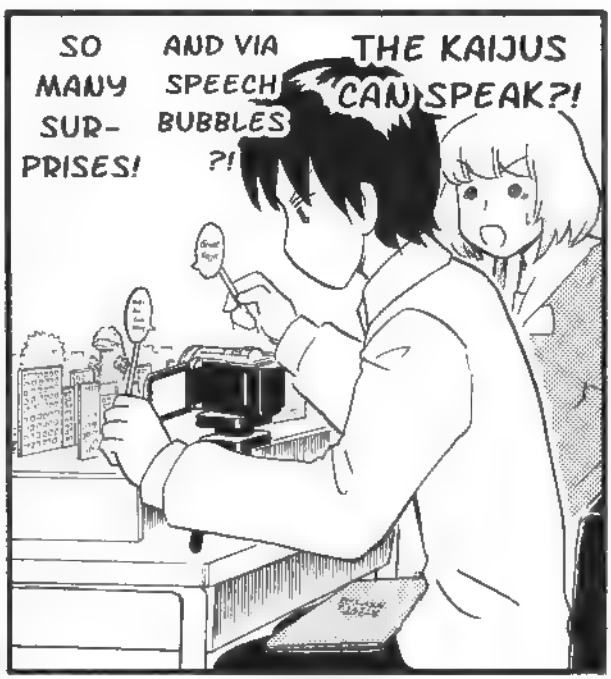
SHPP

A MASSIVE KAIJU BATTLE THAT WILL WREAK HAVOC ON THE CITY!
IT'S ABOUT TO BEGIN...

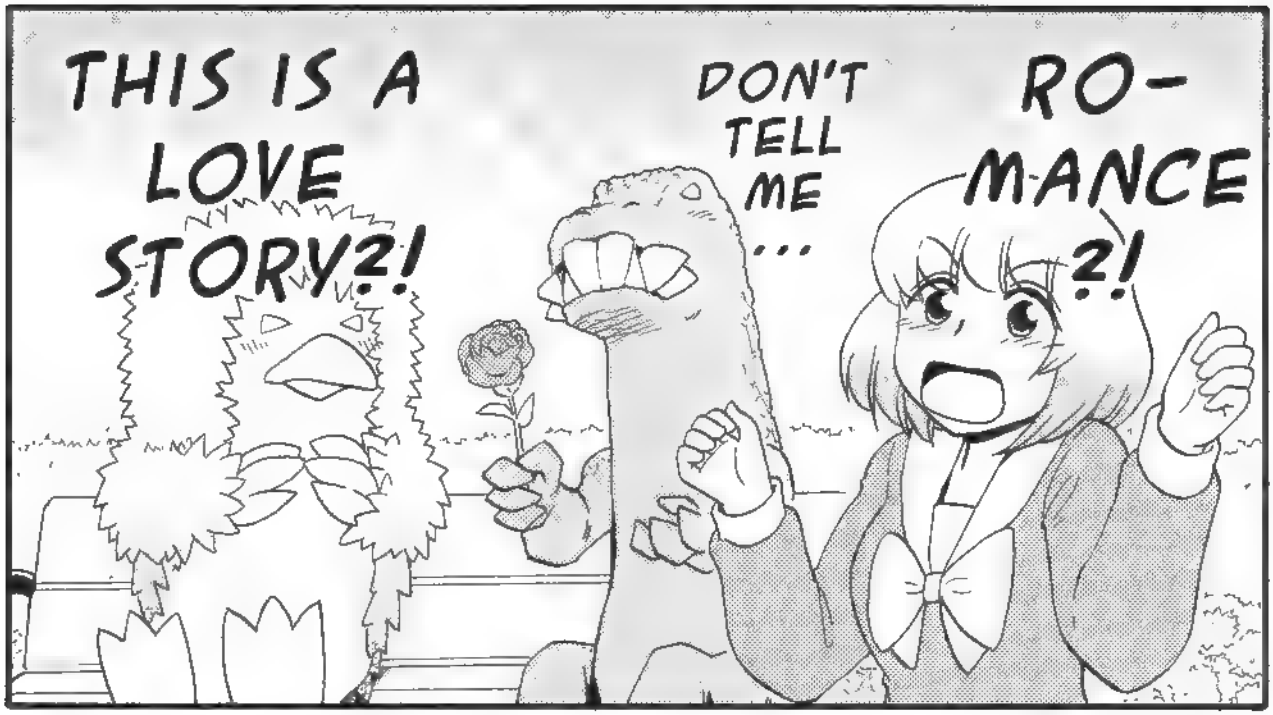
NAH, I JUST GOT HERE MYSELF.
WHAA AAT?!

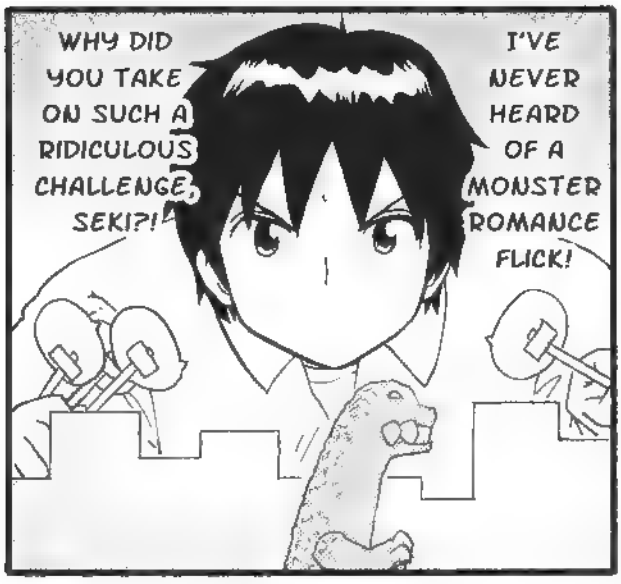
HUH ?
WERE YOU WAITING LONG?

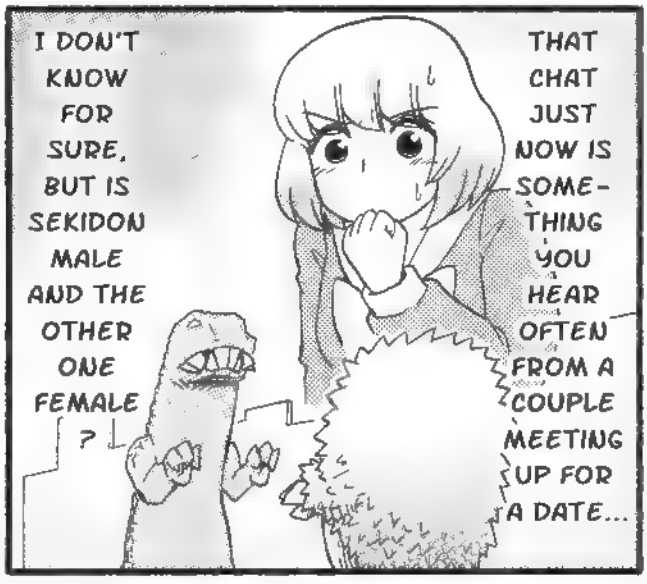

IT WON'T BE A MONSTER FLICK IF THEY DON'T FIGHT...
BUT WHY ARE THEY HAVING A FRIENDLY CHAT...

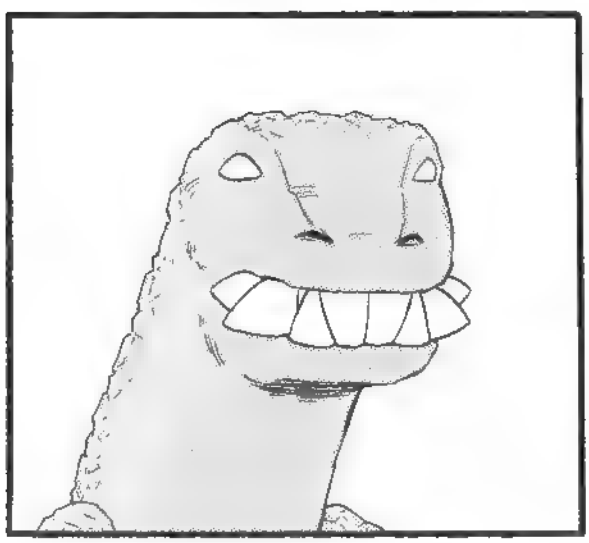

SO MANY SUR-PRISES!
AND VIA SPEECH BUBBLES ?!
THE KAIJUS CAN SPEAK?!

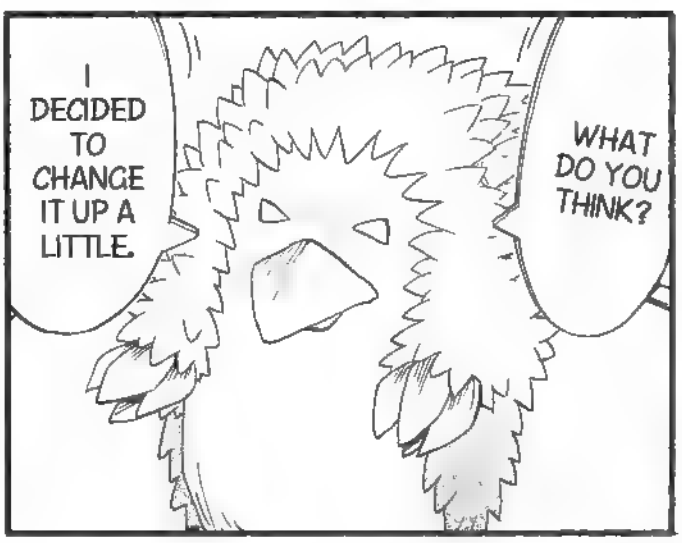
THAT TITLE...
Great Kaiju Sekidon's Romance
OH... IS THAT THE SCRIPT ?!


THIS IS A LOVE STORY?!
DON'T TELL ME ...
RO-MANCE?!


WHY DID YOU TAKE ON SUCH A RIDICULOUS CHALLENGE, SEKI?!
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A MONSTER ROMANCE FLICK!


I DON'T KNOW FOR SURE, BUT IS SEKIDON MALE AND THE OTHER ONE FEMALE?
THAT CHAT JUST NOW IS SOME-THING YOU HEAR OFTEN FROM A COUPLE MEETING UP FOR A DATE...



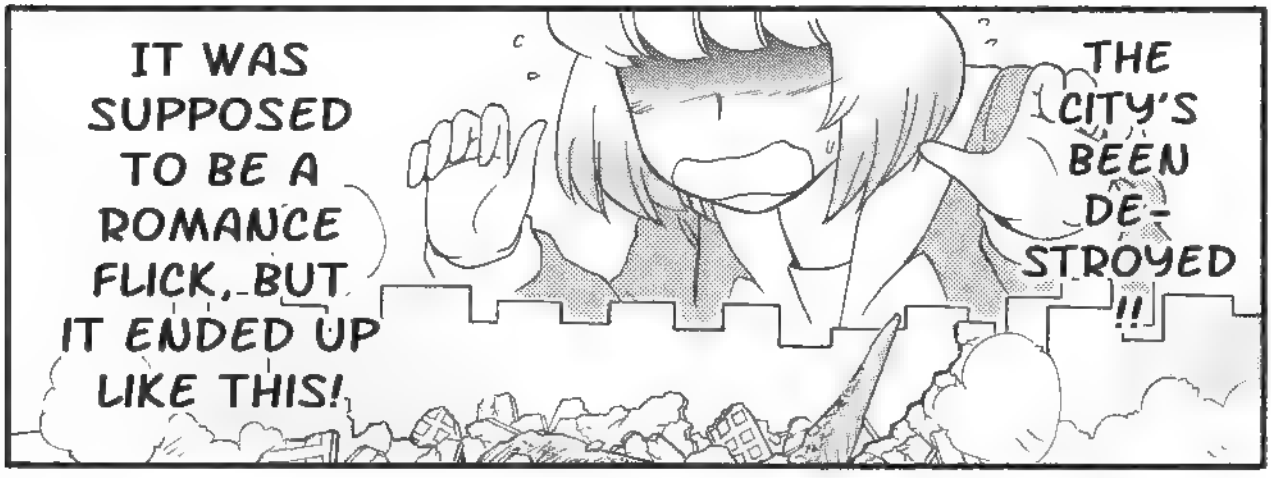

I DECIDED TO CHANGE IT UP A LITTLE.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

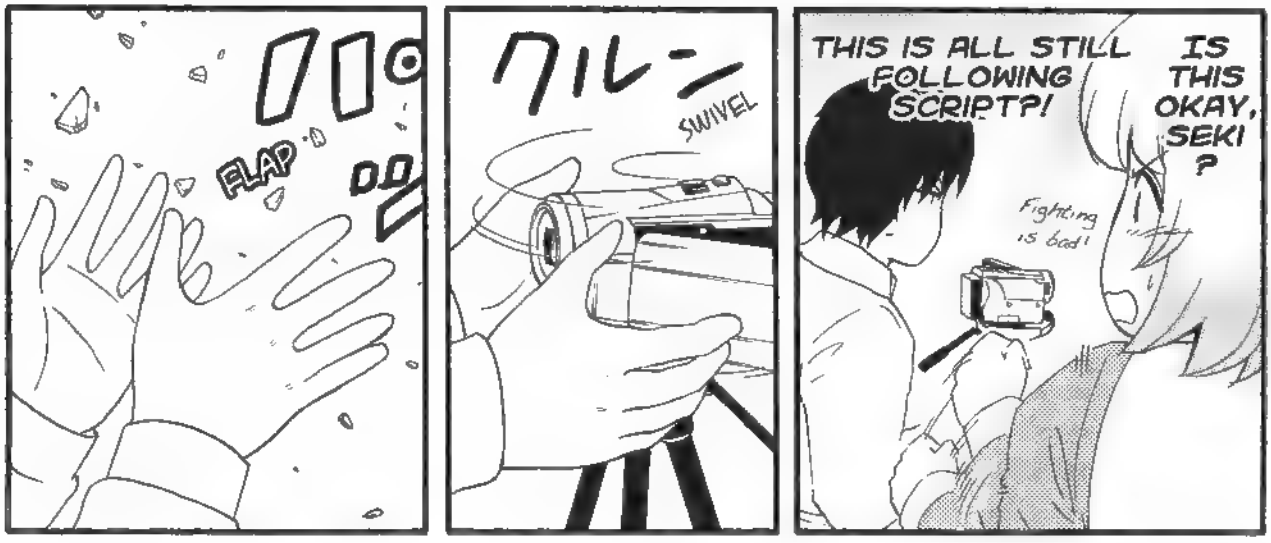
BUT...
THIS CHAT IS...
A COMMON TROPE IN ROMANCES, WHERE THE GIRL ASKS THE BOY'S OPINION OF HER MAKE-OVER!
THE BOY NEEDS TO WIN POINTS THROUGH SKILLFUL COMPLI-MENTS!
It's too hard!
I CAN'T TELL WHAT PART WAS MADE OVER!!
SHE'S COVERED IN SPINY BITS!

LET'S GO. THE MOVIE IS ABOUT TO START.
GOING TO THE MOVIES?!
THANKS! ♡
THAT HAIR ACCESSORY SUITS YOU.
I CAN'T SEE IT!
I DIDN'T KNOW HOW IT'D UNFOLD,
BUT MAYBE EVEN KAIJU CAN STAR IN ROMANTIC FILMS.
THERE'S A GAP BETWEEN THEM... WHY?!
OH!
....

ANOTHER DATE TROPE, WHERE THE GIRL CAN'T KEEP UP WITH THE BOY'S PACE!
THEY HAVE DIFFERENT WALKING SPEEDS!
OH!!
WAAH, SHE'S HOPPING MAD!
QUIVER
QUIVER
QUIVER
THAT'S MAJOR POINTS OFF!!
NO, NO, SEKIDON! YOU HAVE TO MATCH HER PACE!
PING
ピン
WAWWR
WHOMP
BAM
SHE JUMPED?!
BOLIND

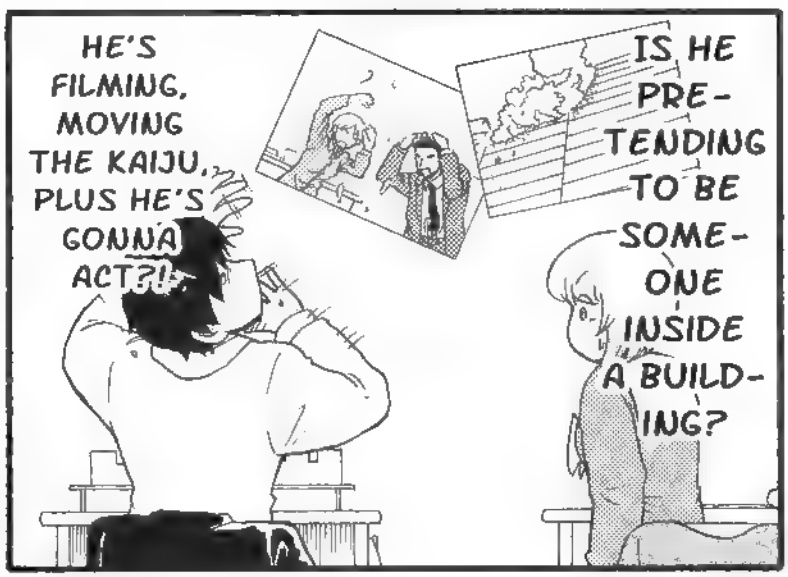
AAA AAAH !!
KRAK
KRAK
KRAKKKK
KRAK


IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A ROMANCE FLICK, BUT IT ENDED UP LIKE THIS!
THE CITY'S BEEN DE-STROYED !!


FLAP
クルン
SWIVEL
THIS IS ALL STILL FOLLOWING SCRIPT?!
IS THIS OKAY, SEKI?
Fighting is bad!

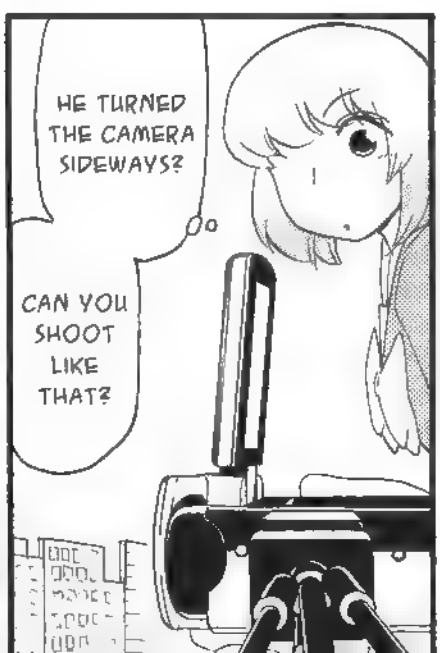
WHAAA?!
PITTER
PITTER
KLATTER
KLATTER

SFF
SFF


HE'S FILMING, MOVING THE KAIJU, PLUS HE'S GONNA ACT?!
IS HE PRE-TENDING TO BE SOME-ONE INSIDE A BUILD-ING?

OH!

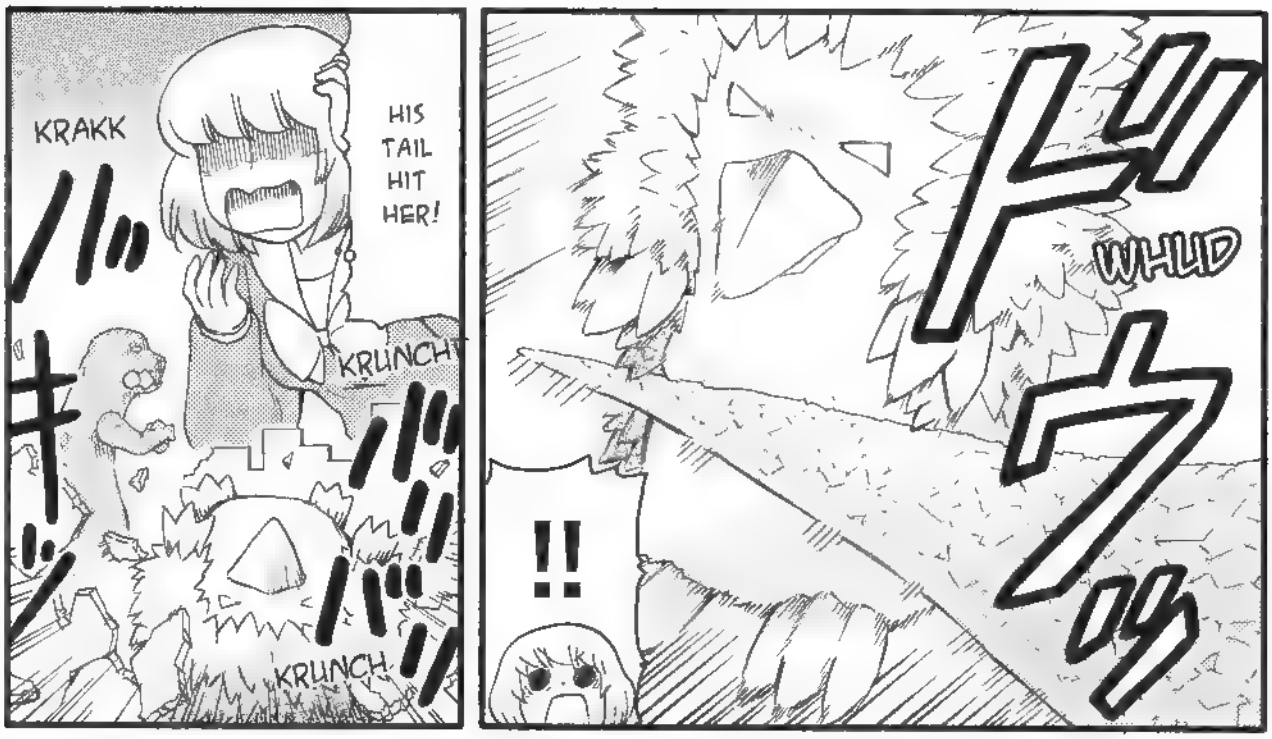
B-BUT WHY?
OH, HE'S FILMING MAEDA ?
NOT THE CITY?


HE TURNED THE CAMERA SIDEWAYS?
CAN YOU SHOOT LIKE THAT?

MAEDA'S BEEN UNWITTINGLY TURNED INTO AN ACTOR!
AND IN A VERY PITIABLE ROLE, TOO!
AS IF HE'S A BYSTANDER WHO GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE DAMAGE THE KAIJU CAUSED!!
REC
ON SCREEN IT LOOKS LIKE MAEDA HAS COLLAPSED!
OOH!
I FEEL PRESSURED TO DO SOMETHING...
OH, BUT WITH THE LENS POINTING MY WAY
NO, NO! I WON'T ACT IN YOUR MOVIE!
THE CAMERA'S AIMED AT ME? I'LL BE IN IT, TOO?!
ME?!

カチャッ
KLAK
わわ
WAAH
わわ
WAAH
じー
STARE
YOU DON'T NEED TO REWIND AND WATCH IT!
WHAT'S NEXT?! WILL A REAL KAIJU BATTLE BEGIN?!
SEKIDON GOT BACK UP!
AH!
グゴ
GROAN
PITTER
パラパラ
PITTER
NUDGE
ムニュ

SPIN
WHAT A GROWN-UP!
HE'S NOT ANGRY!
SHALL WE WALK SIDE-BY-SIDE?
SORRY, I GUESS I WAS GOING TOO FAST.


KRAKK
HIS TAIL HIT HER!
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
WHUD
!!

THE DATE. THE CITY. EVERY-THING!!
IT'S ALL OVER NOW!

EEEEK!
KRAK
ROLL
ROLL
ROLL
KRAK

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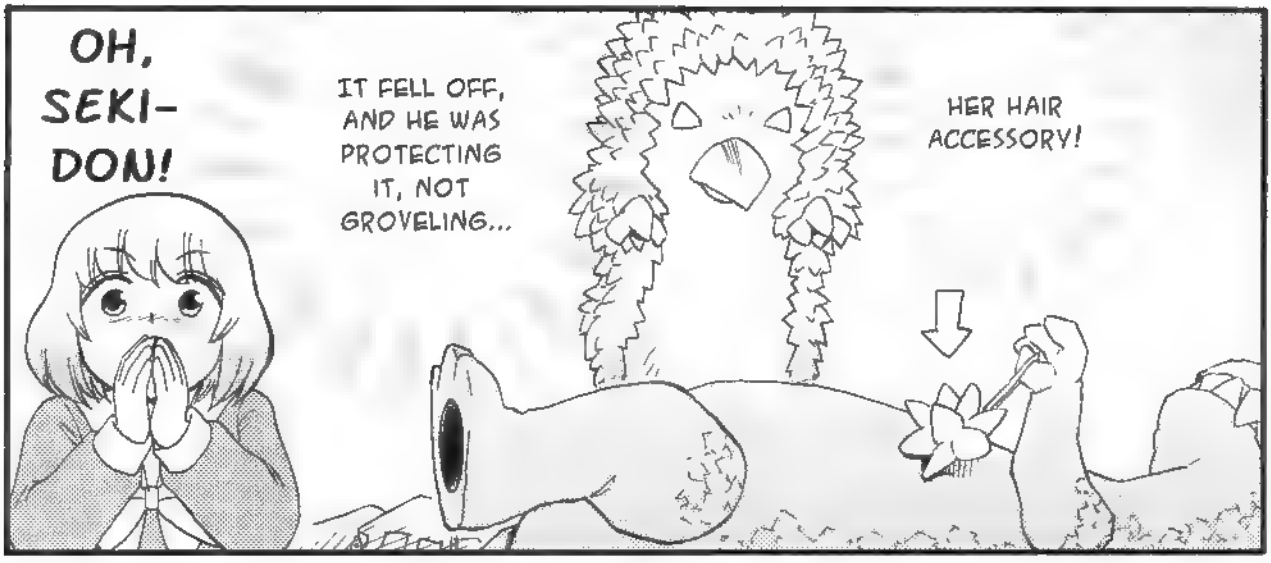
WHU
DD
ドッ
WH-WHAT'S THIS?!
TAP
ドン
FOR FOR-GIVE-NESS, RIGHT...?
PITTER
PITTER
PITTER
TH-THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH
SEKIDON IS SUCH A GALLANT KAIJU !!
HE'S BOW-ING ?!

KICKING HIM WHEN HE'S ON THE GROUND IS TOO CRUEL!
ANGER CAUSED THE KAIJU'S INSTINCTS TO BLAST THROUGH !
NOT AT ALL!
STOMP
STOMP
THD
THD
THD
THD
WHUD
ISN'T THAT ...
AH!
TUM
BLE


OH, SEKI-DON!
IT FELL OFF, AND HE WAS PROTECTING IT, NOT GROVELING...
HER HAIR ACCESSORY!

ZZ SEE

Fin.
IT ENDED... AS A ROMANCE FLICK...
BUT THE CITY'S IN RUINS.

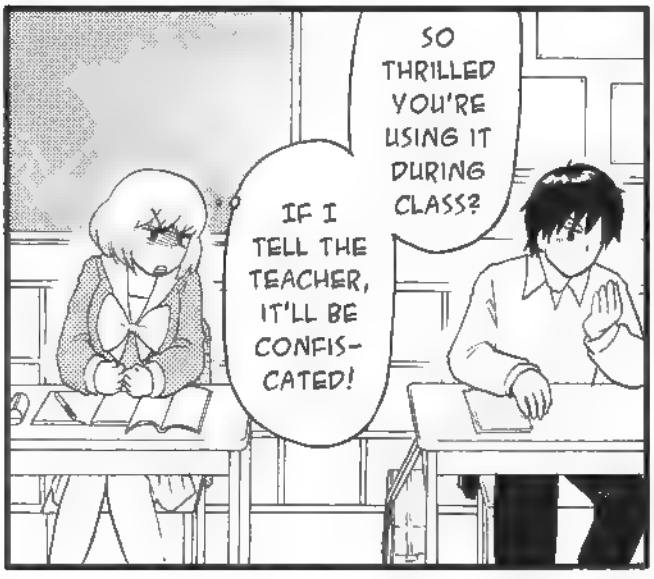
Fin.

HE'S STILL READING THE SCRIPT?
HM?
BUT IT'S AMAZING THAT HE FILMED ALL THAT IN ONE CLASS PERIOD.
WELL, THE STORY'S A BIT UNCONVINCING,
HE'S GONNA FILM ANOTHER ONE NOW?!
HE'S NOT DONE?!
Great Kaiju Sekidon's Romance
2
The Binding of Varian
LEAVE ME OUT THIS TIME!
WAAH
わわ
WAAH
わわ
2
2
2

My Neighbor Seki

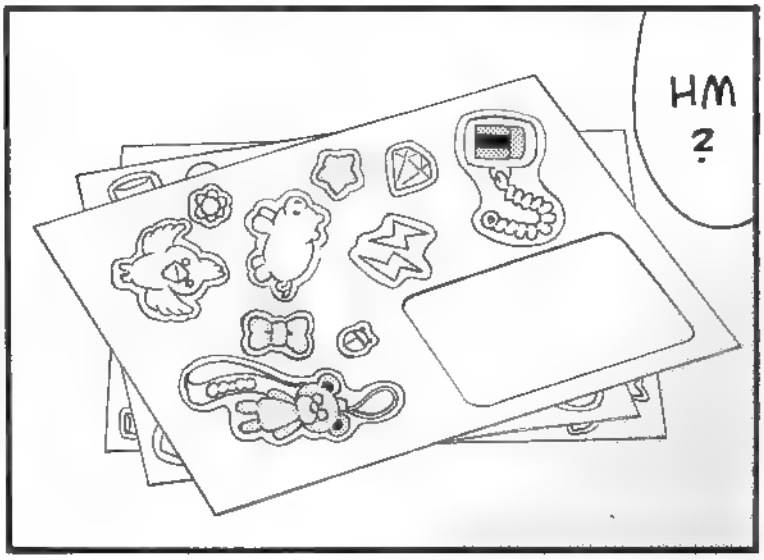
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
カリ
カリ
SO THE TRANSLA-TION IS ...
91st Period
HM ?
AH !
1:52
THAT FINGER MOTION, COULD IT BE...
HUH? WHAT'S HE UP TO?!

A
SM-
SM-
SMARTPHONE?!


SO THRILLED YOU'RE USING IT DURING CLASS?
IF I TELL THE TEACHER, IT'LL BE CONFIS-CATED!

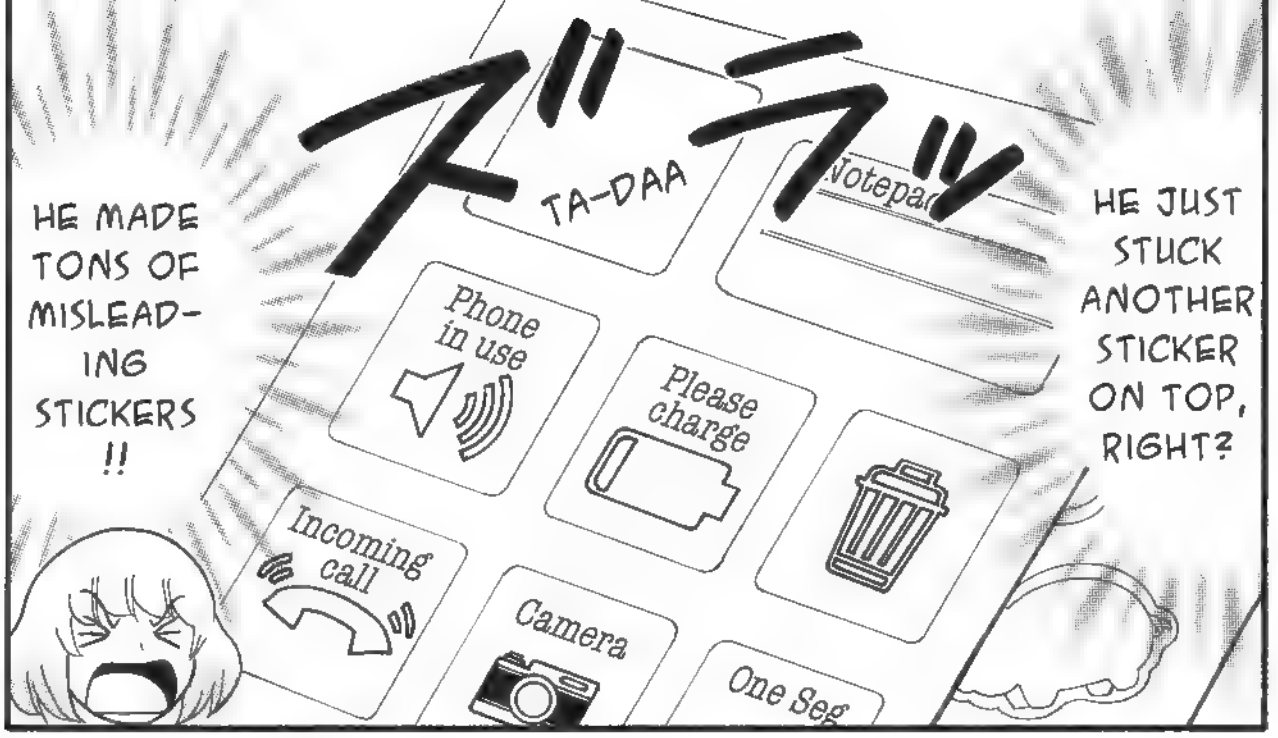
I HAVEN'T EVEN GOTTEN ONE FOR MYSELF YET!
NO FAIR, SEKI, NO FAIR!

HUH? AREN'T THOSE ...


HM ?

THAT'S NOT A REAL SMART-PHONE, BUT A STICKER ON HIS HAND!
STICKERS!
STICK
10:52
ADDING OTHER STICK-ERS TO IT.
I SEE. HE'S GONNA DECO-RATE IT BY
10:52
I shouldn't have jumped the gun!
WHAT A CUTE LITTLE GAME.
YOU WANTED A SMART-PHONE THAT BADLY?
HOW MIS-LEADING. IS THAT HAND-MADE?
HMM...
HE'S CHOOSING HIS NEXT STICKER.

ピロ
STICK
10:52
HUH ?!
PEEL
ピラッ
SHPP
SHPP
ペタ
STICK
HE'S HAVING FUN EVEN THOUGH HE CAN'T CALL OR EMAIL!
OF COURSE SEKI TREATS A STICKER LIKE THE REAL DEAL.
IT'S PLAIN !
BUT IF IT'S A STICKER YOU DON'T NEED IT.
Oh, my
A SMART-PHONE CASE?
WAIT, IT'S REAL ?!
There's a notification?!
HE GOT AN EMAIL ?!
You Have
1 New Email
HM ?


HE MADE TONS OF MISLEADING STICKERS !!
TA-DAA
Notepad
Phone in use
Please charge
Incoming call
Camera
One Seg
HE JUST STUCK ANOTHER STICKER ON TOP, RIGHT?

HE'S GONNA KEEP PRETENDING IT'S REAL?
TOUCHING THE "SCREEN" WHILE ADDING MORE STICKERS!
SFF
SFF

BUT IT'S JUST A STICKER.
I'm gonna kill you~
OH, HE'S READING AN EMAIL?

AH!

HE SUDDENLY LOOKS SERIOUS. WHAT'S UP?
...

A THREAT-ENING EMAIL ?!
No subject
I'm gonna kill ya
IS THAT ...
OH !
BUT TO THINK THERE ARE STICKERS SHOWING EMAIL CONTENT ...
WHY DON'T YOU USE THE PHONE MORE PLEAS-ANTLY?
Just how many are stuck on?
WHAT'S WITH THAT VIOLENT STICKER ?!
I'M SORRY!
JOLT
KATANK
SO THAT'S NOT A THREAT-ENING EMAIL,
JUST A THREAT-ENING STICKER.
NO BIG DEAL.

IN THE WINDOW?!
HUH? THERE'S A BULLET HOLE

SHFF

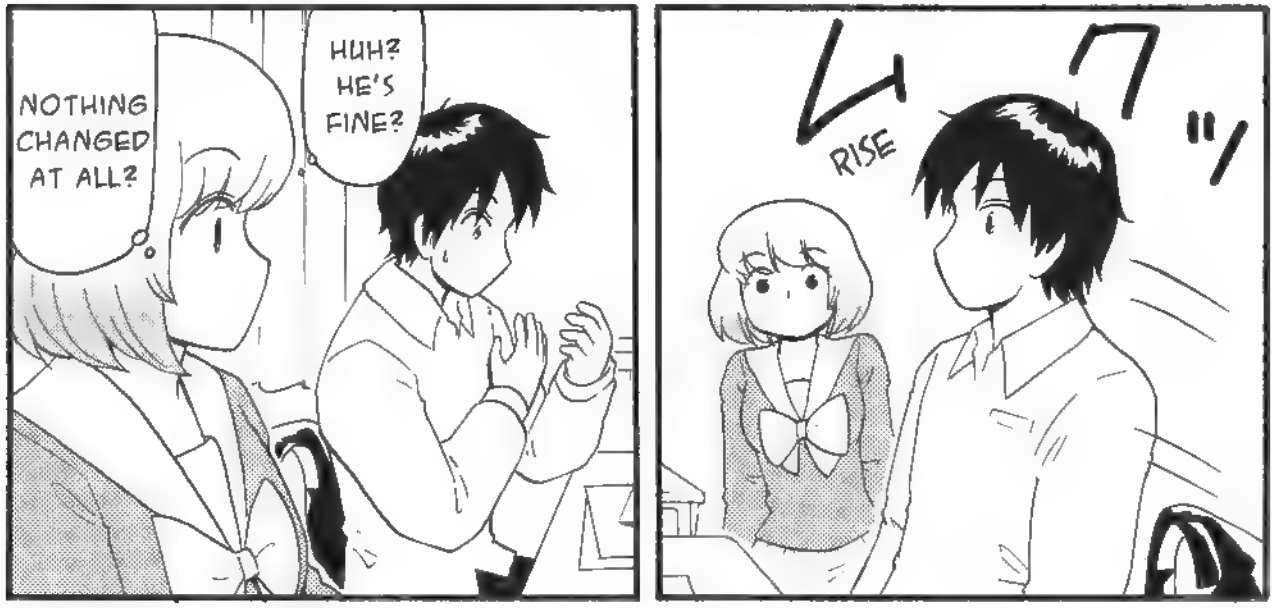
HE'S GOT ALL SORTS, HUH.
IT'S A STICKER

C'MON, NO ONE'S AFTER YOU.
NOW HE'S ACTING.
HA HA HA
WHIP

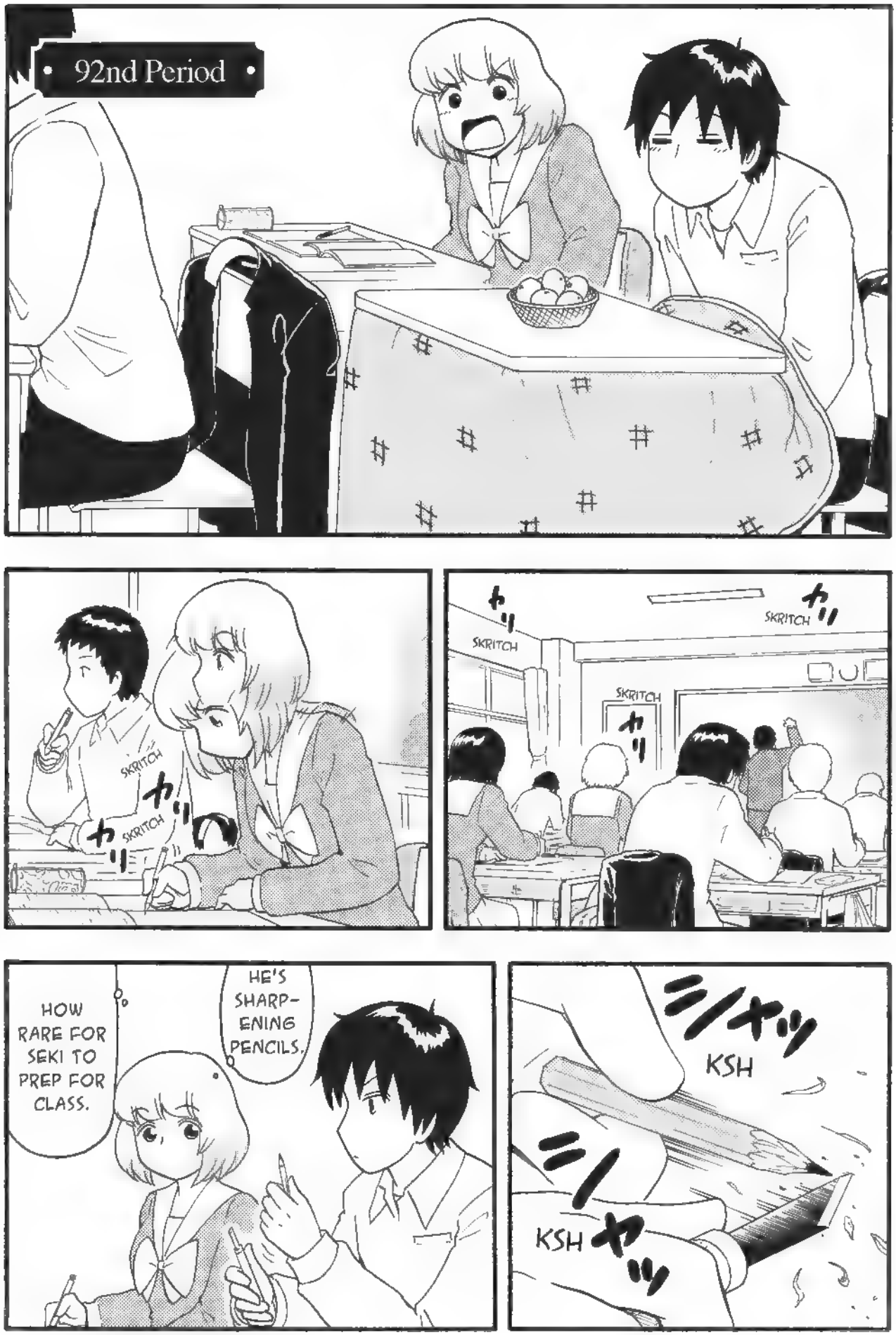
IT PIERCED HIS NOTE-BOOK! TOO?! (STICKER)
HUUUH...?!
HE'S CARRYING OUT THE EMAIL THREAT USING STICKERS ?!
THAT'S PRETTY SCARY !!
AT THIS RATE, THEY'LL STRIKE SEKI'S BODY ...!
THE TERROR OF BULLETS HOMING IN!

WWHOA!!
ガタン
GTAKN

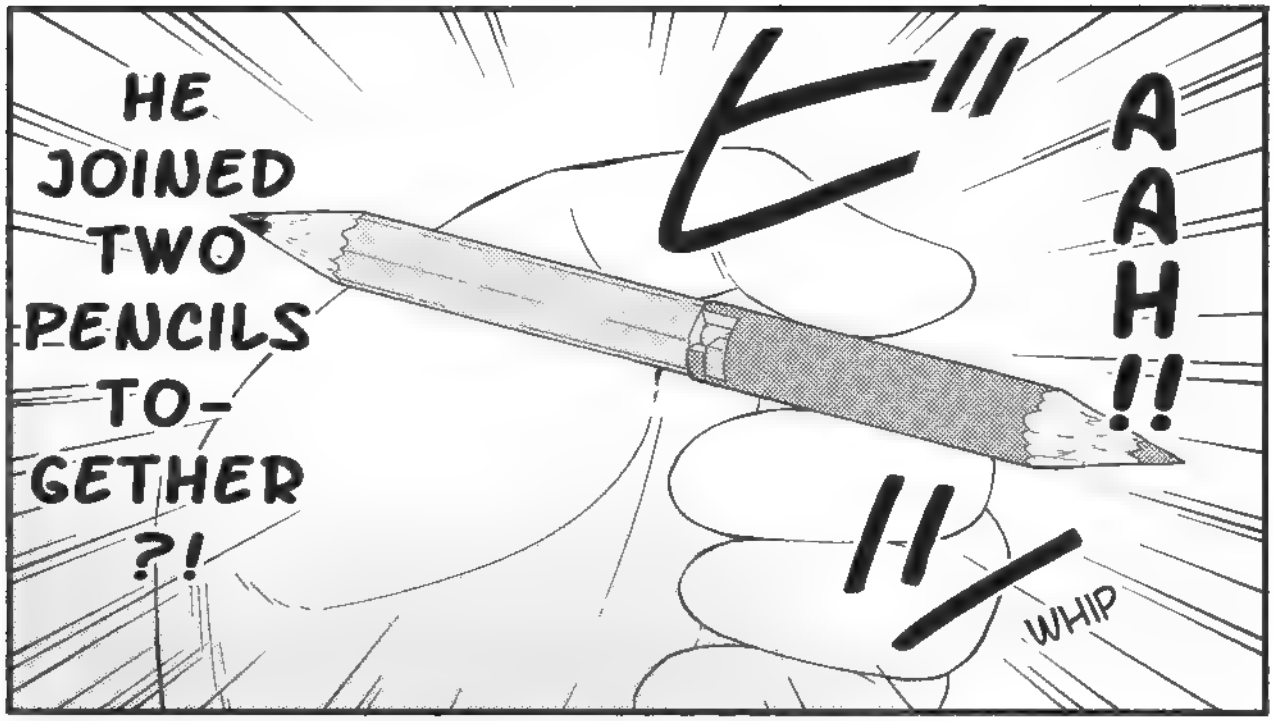
SNAP
11°4
HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?!
DID THEY GET HIM?!

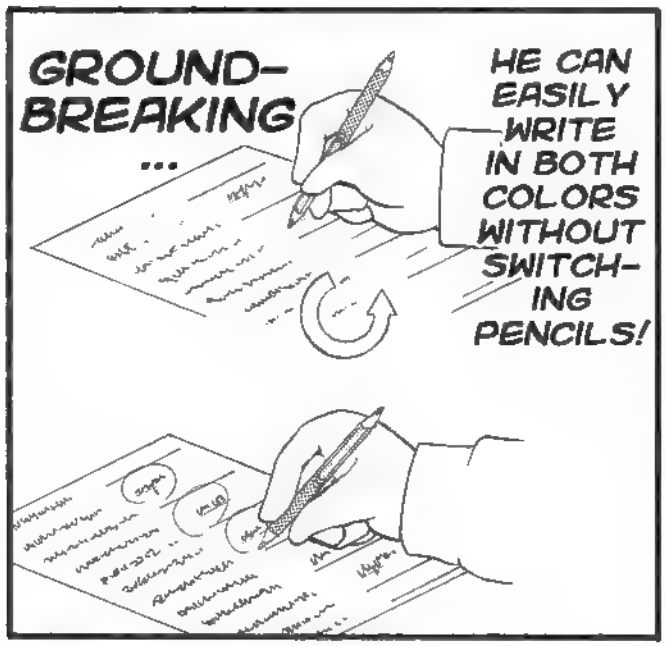

NOTHING CHANGED AT ALL?
HUH? HE'S FINE?
RISE

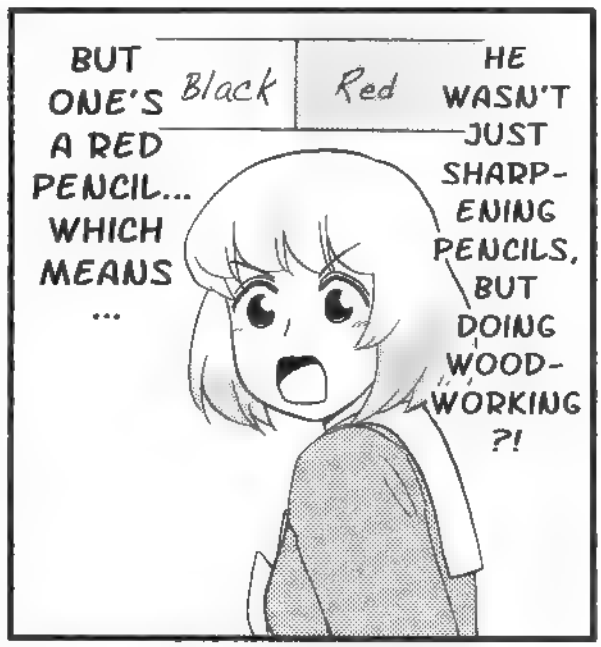
THE SMART-PHONE STOPPED THE BULLET!
Life-saver!
AAAH!!
I SEE. YOU'D PLANNED THIS ENDING ALL ALONG!
That's how you used it?!
IT'S HARD TO SCRAPE OFF STICKERS.
SKRAPE
SKRAPE
カリカリ
あ！ AH...
キーンコーンカーンコーン
DING DONG DING DONG
WE'LL DO THE REST NEXT WEEK.


92nd Period
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
HOW RARE FOR SEKI TO PREP FOR CLASS.
HE'S SHARPENING PENCILS.
KSH
KSH

I KNOW YOU TOO WELL.
I BET THEY'RE NOT EVEN FOR STUDYING.
CLASS WILL END BEFORE YOU FINISH SHARPENING THEM ALL!
SCATTER
BUT YOU DON'T NEED THAT MANY, DO YOU?
HE'S WHITTLING THE ERASER END...
BUT WHY?
HM ?
SKRIT
SKRIT
SKRIT
SQK
SQK
KCHIK
BLOW


HE JOINED TWO PENCILS TO-GETHER ?!
E!!
AAH!!
!!
WHIP


GROUND-BREAKING ...
HE CAN EASILY WRITE IN BOTH COLORS WITHOUT SWITCH-ING PENCILS!


BUT ONE'S A RED PENCIL... WHICH MEANS ...
Black
Red
HE WASN'T JUST SHARP-ENING PENCILS, BUT DOING WOOD-WORKING ?!

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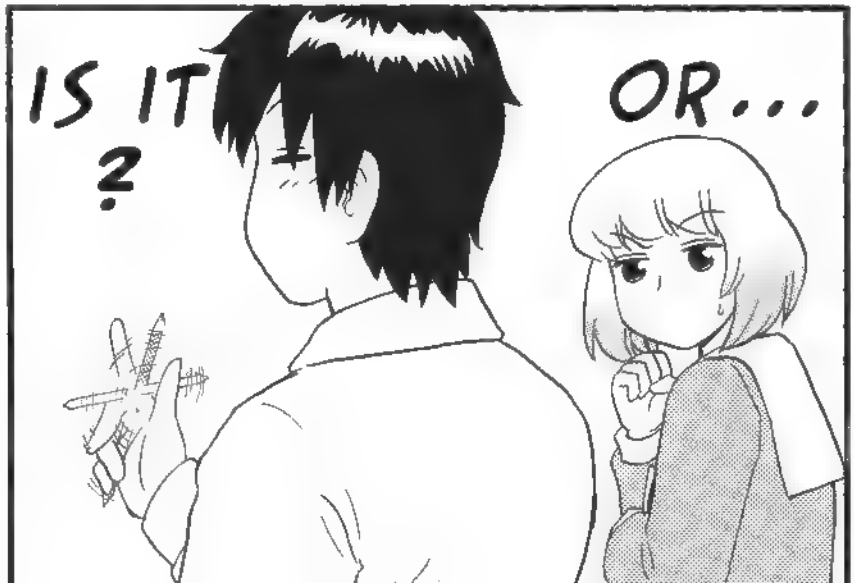
IS IT ?
OR...

MAYBE IT'S NOT WORTH THE TIME AND EFFORT TO CRAFT ONE.
MAYBE IT'S TOTALLY POINTLESS?
DOUBLE-ENDED PENCILS ARE PRETTY COMMON 24+...
AND THEY SELL PENS THAT CAN SWITCH BETWEEN BALLPOINT AND MECHANICAL PENCIL.
FWIP
ピラッ
RUSTLE
ゴリゴリ
RUSTLE
カタン
KATAK
WHAT'S HE LOOKING AT?

A BLUE-PRINT ?!
15mm Less than
16mm
2.5mm
1mm Less than
5mm
3mm
1.5mm
1.2mm
IS THAT ...
WHAT KIND OF PENCIL WILL IT BE...?
カリ
SKRIT
カリ
SKRIT
カリ
ALL THAT FOR SHARP PEN-CILS ?!
YOU REALLY NEED SUCH A THING ?!
コロ
ROLL
コロ
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SKRIT
カリ
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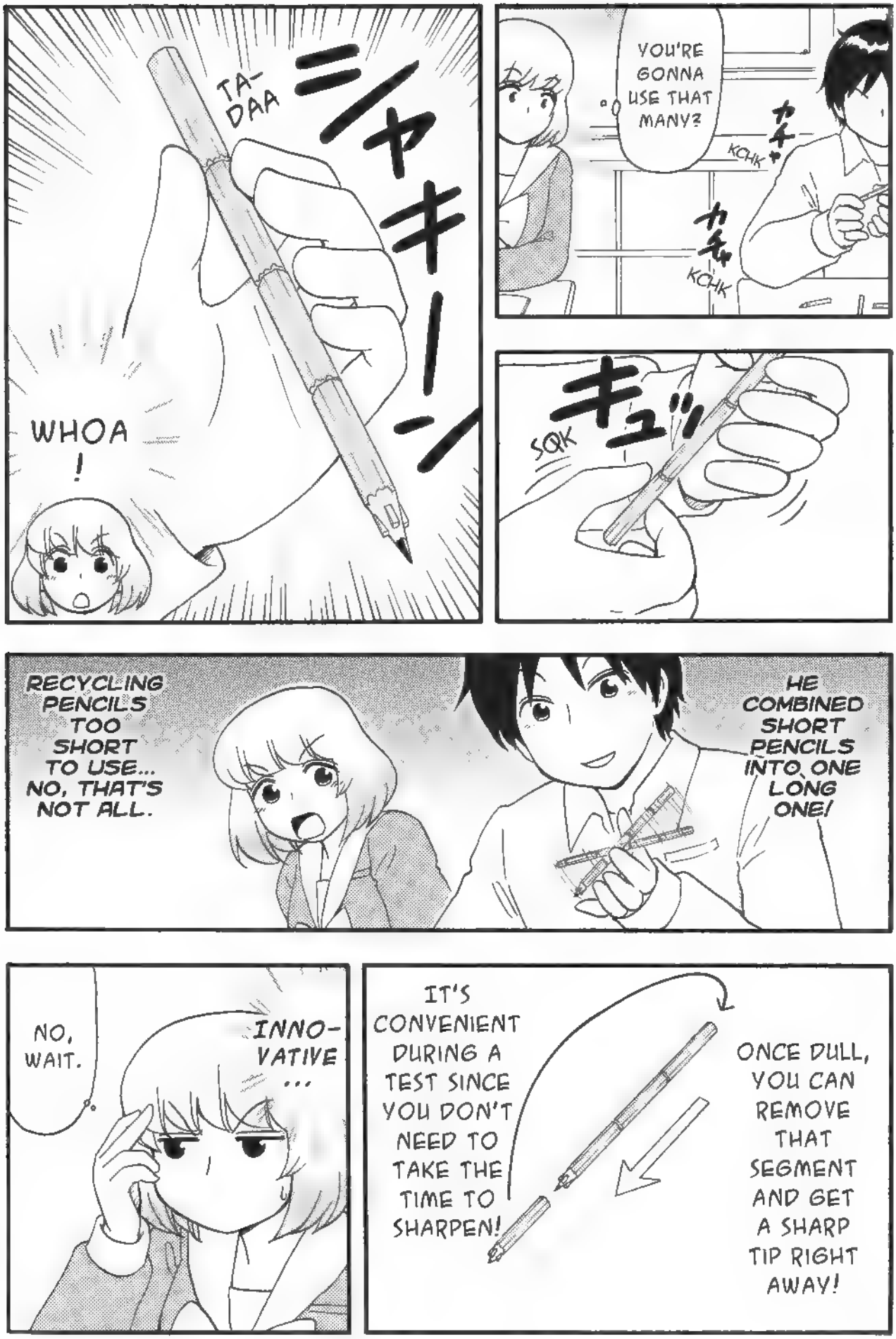
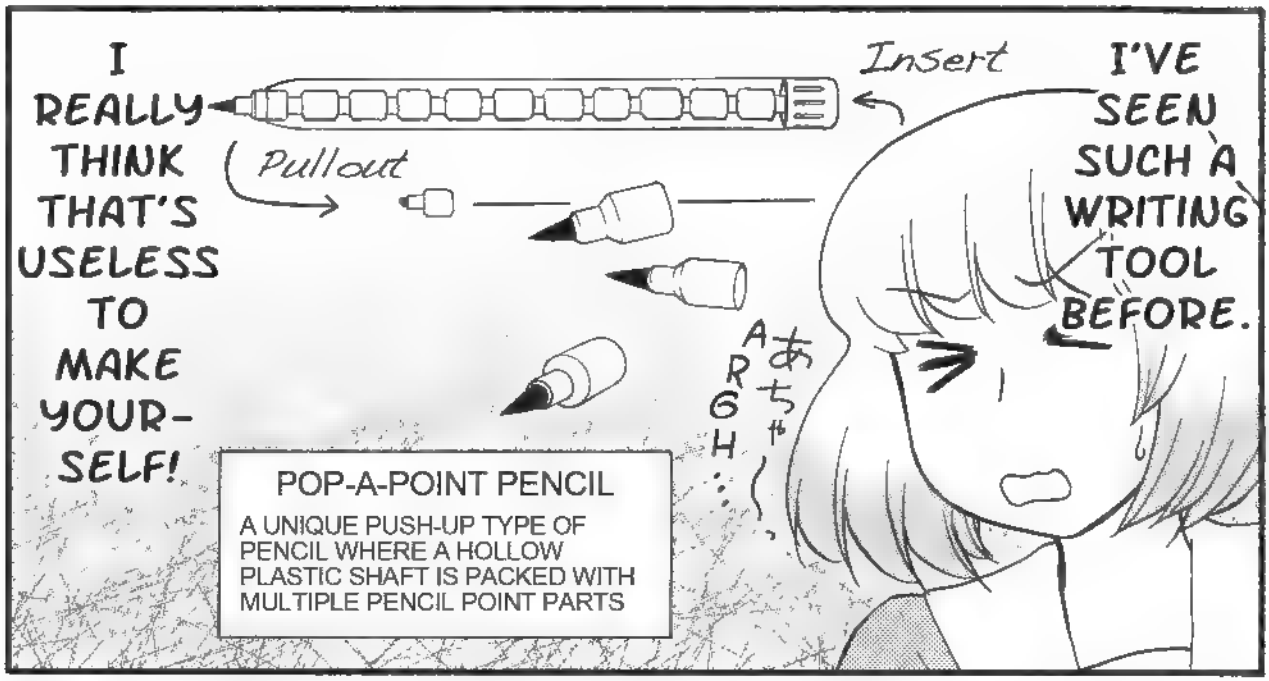
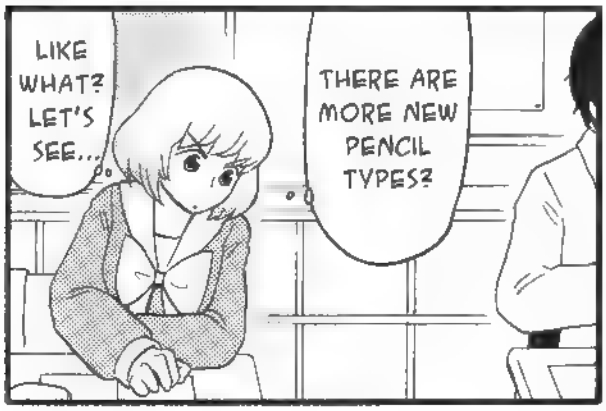
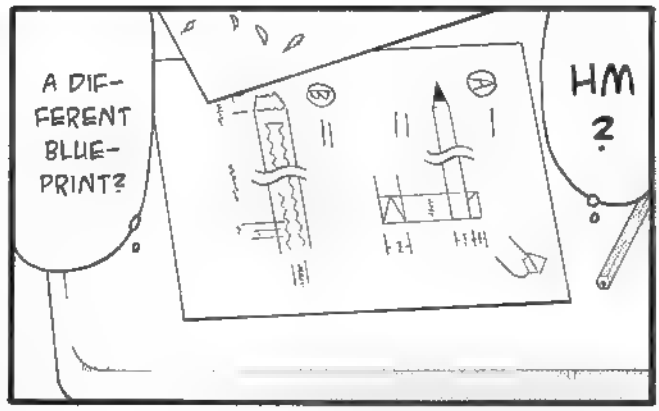
ROLL

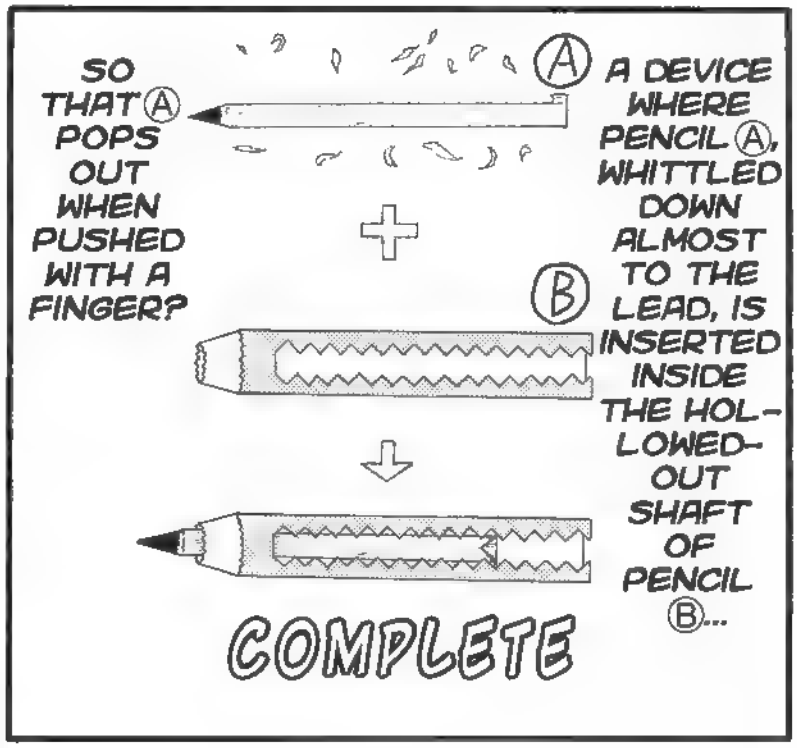

TA-DAA
シャキーン
WHOA!
YOU'RE GONNA USE THAT MANY?
カキ
KCHK
カキ
KCHK
SQK
キュッ
RECYCLING PENCILS TOO SHORT TO USE... NO, THAT'S NOT ALL.
HE COMBINED SHORT PENCILS INTO ONE LONG ONE!
NO, WAIT.
INNO-VATIVE ...
IT'S CONVENIENT DURING A TEST SINCE YOU DON'T NEED TO TAKE THE TIME TO SHARPEN!
ONCE DULL, YOU CAN REMOVE THAT SEGMENT AND GET A SHARP TIP RIGHT AWAY!


I REALLY THINK THAT'S USELESS TO MAKE YOUR-SELF!
Insert
Pullout
I'VE SEEN SUCH A WRITING TOOL BEFORE.
あちち
ARGH
POP-A-POINT PENCIL
A UNIQUE PUSH-UP TYPE OF PENCIL WHERE A HOLLOW PLASTIC SHAFT IS PACKED WITH MULTIPLE PENCIL POINT PARTS


LIKE WHAT? LET'S SEE...
THERE ARE MORE NEW PENCIL TYPES?

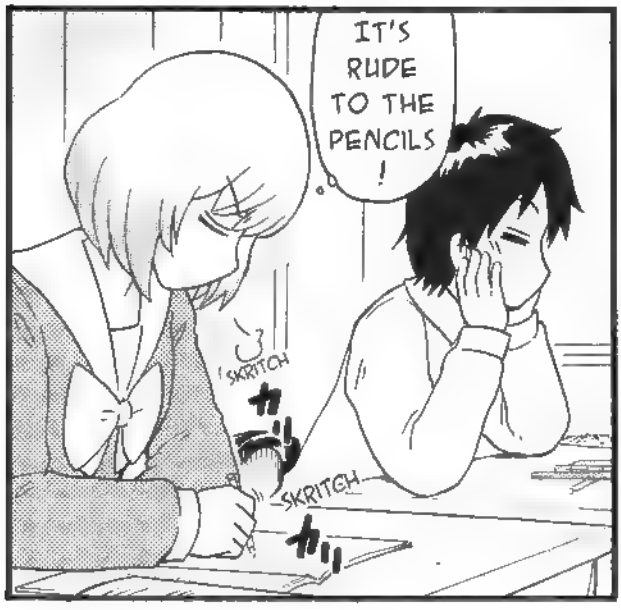

A DIF-FERENT BLUE-PRINT?
HM ?

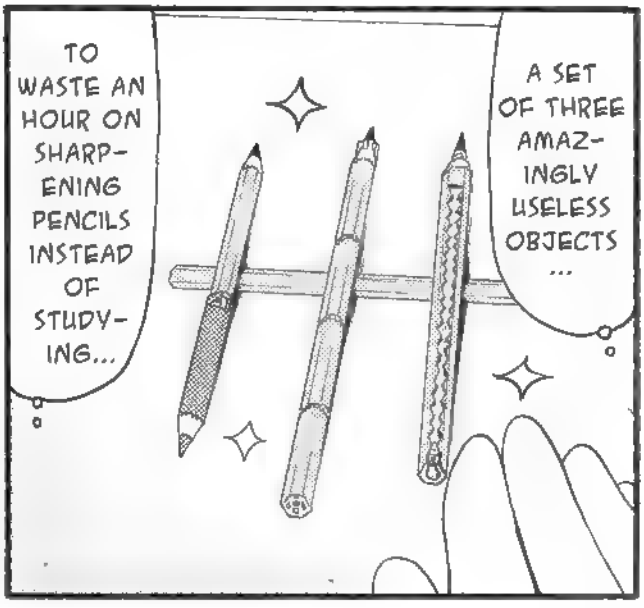
BUT THIS WAY, YOU ONLY NEED TO WHITTLE THE LEAD, SO IT'LL GO QUICKLY ...
YOU STILL HAVE TO SHARPEN THE TIP ONCE IT'S BLUNT...
I see.


SO THAT Ⓐ POPS OUT WHEN PUSHED WITH A FINGER?
Ⓐ
Ⓑ
A DEVICE WHERE PENCIL Ⓐ, WHITTLED DOWN ALMOST TO THE LEAD, IS INSERTED INSIDE THE HOL-LOWED-OUT SHAFT OF PENCIL Ⓑ...
COMPLETE

NO NEED TO MAKE ONE USING ACTUAL PENCILS !!
THAT'S A MECHANICAL PENCIL!!

A HOPE-LESSLY POINT-LESS THING !!
HE MADE ONE!
15 MINUTES LATER...


IT'S RUDE TO THE PENCILS !
SKRITCH
SKRITCH

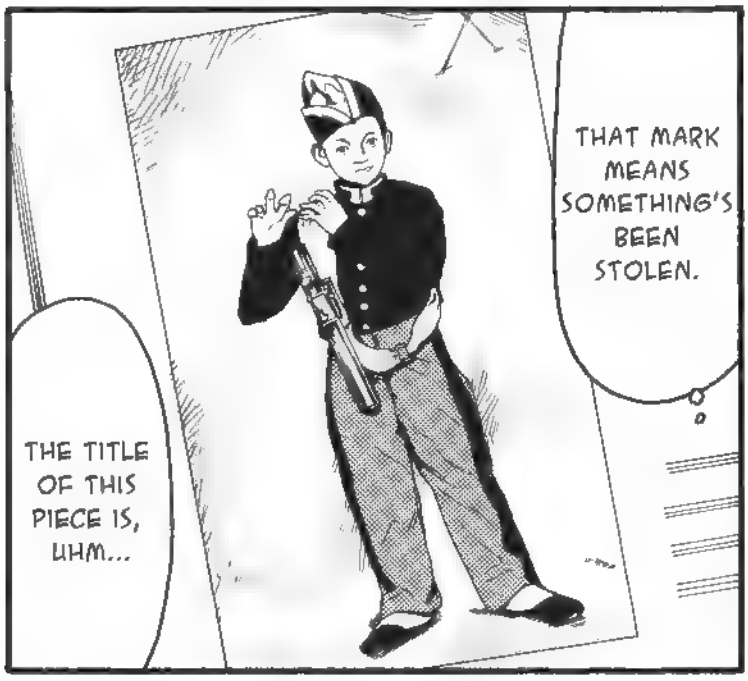

TO WASTE AN HOUR ON SHARP-ENING PENCILS INSTEAD OF STUDY-ING...
A SET OF THREE AMAZ-INGLY USELESS OBJECTS ...

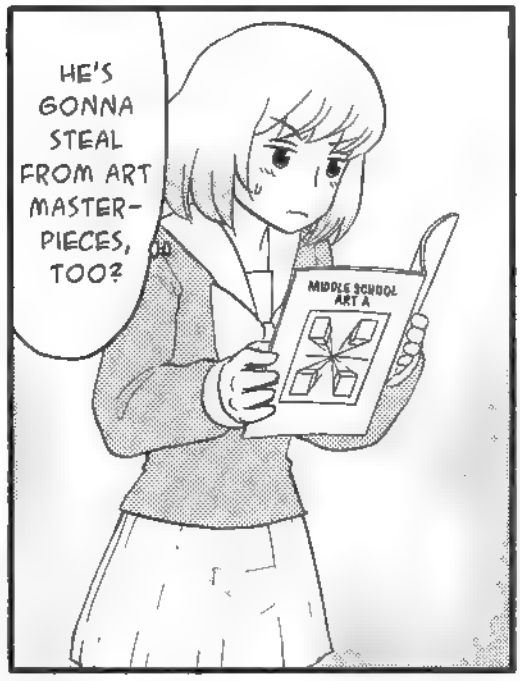
...
HUH ?
カリ SKRITCH
カリ SKRITCH
カリ
FWAP
WHPP
DON'T TELL ME SEEING THE PENCILS HE SHARPENED
MADE HIM FEEL THE URGE TO STUDY?!
WHY! WHY?!
SEKI'S ACTUALLY STUDYING ?!

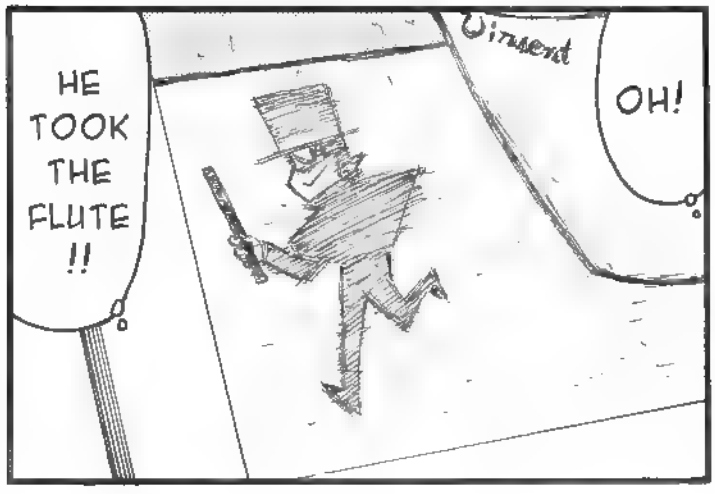
IT WASN'T POINT-LESS!!
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
THAT'S RIGHT, SEKI, PENCILS ARE MEANT TO BE USED!
SNAP
ポキッ
AH!
くてえ
SLUMP
HE LOST HIS MO-TIVA-TION?!
WHISPER
C'MON, YOU CAN DO IT!
LET'S STUDY!
WHISPER
YOU MADE SO MANY, YET JUST ONE DOES YOU IN?
YOU ARE SO NOT CUT OUT FOR STUDY-ING!

93rd Period
CHATTER
ガヤ
CHATTER
ガヤ
SURE, OKAY.
THIS WAS IN THE ART ROOM. I THINK IT BELONGS TO SOMEONE IN YOUR CLASS. CAN YOU FIND OUT WHO?
YOKOI !
THIS DOODLE ...
HM ?
WHOSE COULD IT BE?
THERE'S NO NAME IN THIS TEXT-BOOK.
MIDDLE SCHOOL ART A
パラ
FLIP

WHO IS THIEF X? A DANGEROUS PHANTOM THIEF CHARACTER WHO STEALS THINGS FROM HISTORICAL FIGURES, DOODLED IN SEKI'S HISTORY TEXTBOOK.
SO DAN-GEROUS YET HE'S JUST A DOODLE!
HISTORY HAS BEEN ALTERED DUE TO IT'S THEFT!
AN ORIGINAL CHARACTER WHO STEALS THINGS FROM HISTORICAL
IT'S SEKI'S TEXT-BOOK!
THIEF X ?!


THE TITLE OF THIS PIECE IS, UHM...
THAT MARK MEANS SOMETHING'S BEEN STOLEN.


HE'S GONNA STEAL FROM ART MASTER-PIECES, TOO?
MIDDLE SCHOOL ART A

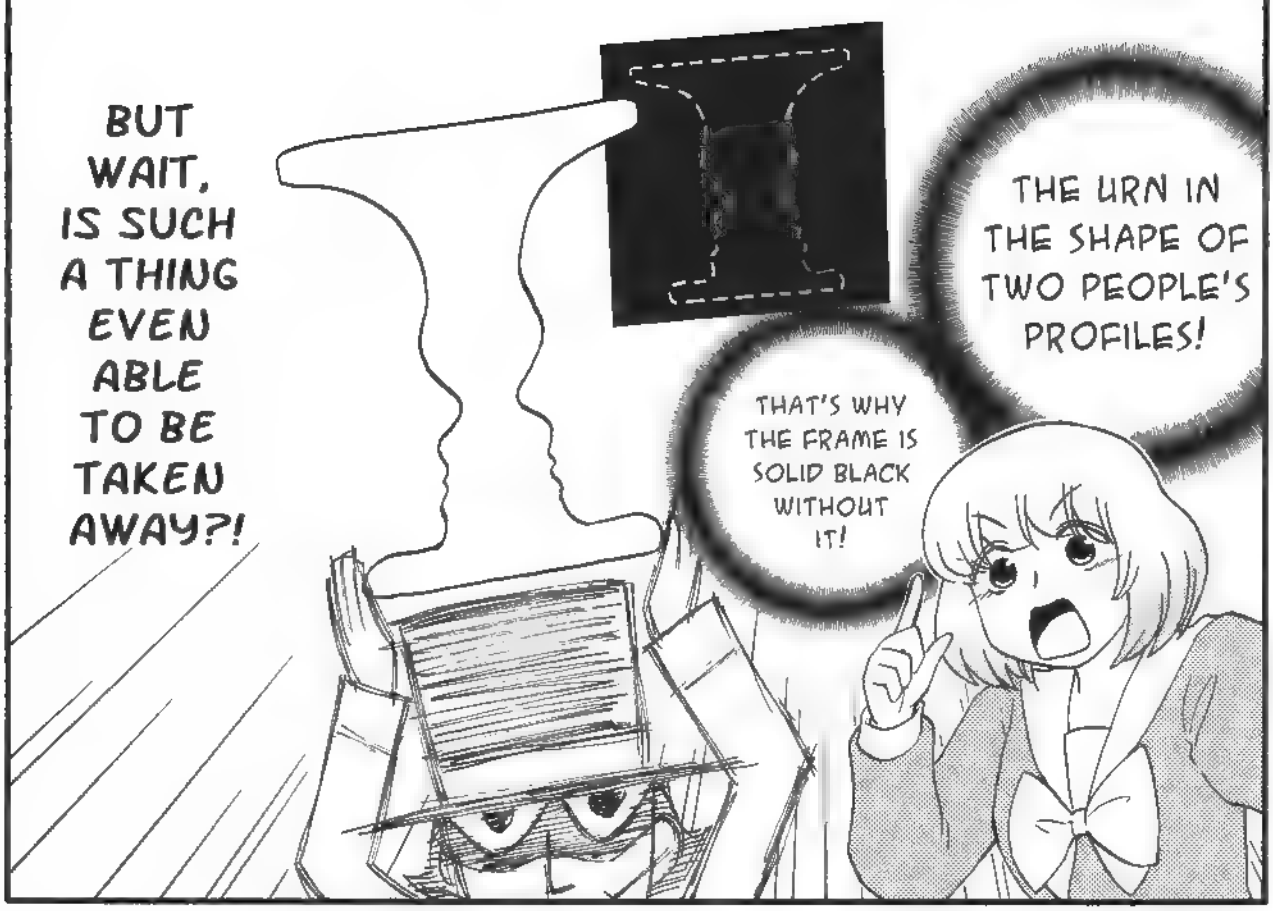

HE TOOK THE FLUTE !!
Vinsent
OH!

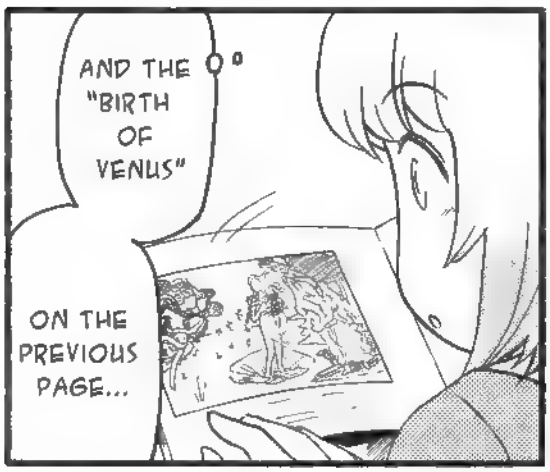
WHICH MEANS ...
FLIP
"THE FIFER."

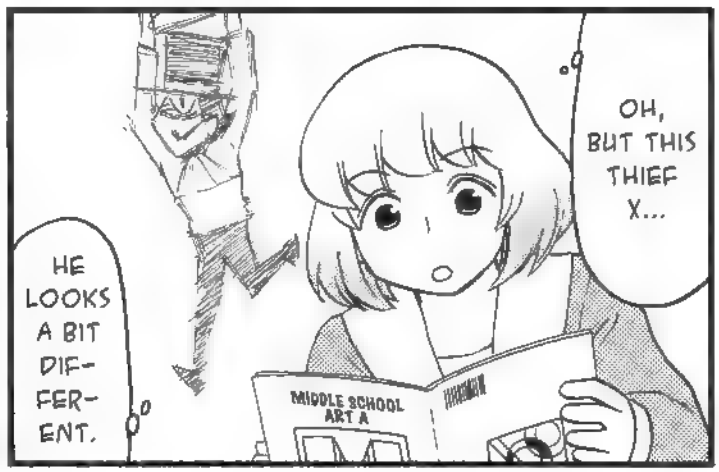
Redrawn copy
Affix
STILL, AS ALWAYS, SEKI'S
REDONE DRAWINGS ARE VERY WELL DONE.
You can't tell at first glance
IF YOU TAKE AWAY THE FIFE, HE'S JUST "BOY!"
THAT'S SO CRUEL!
IT'S THE MONA LISA!
THERE! ANOTHER "X" MARK!
ARE THERE ANY OTHER ...?
ペラッ
FLIP
MIDDLE SCHOOL ART A
OH! はっ
MIDDLE SCHOOL ART A
I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANYTHING TO STEAL ...
BUT MONA LISA DOESN'T HOLD ANY-THING.

FLIP
DON'T TELL ME...
FLIP
NOT SMILING?
SHE'S
HE REALLY STOLE MONA LISA'S SMILE?!
OF COURSE! NOW THIEF X IS SMILING!
WITHOUT IT, MONA LISA WILL LOOK GLUM AND DISAPPOINT EVERYONE!
NO, NO, HER SMILE IS VERY IMPORTANT!

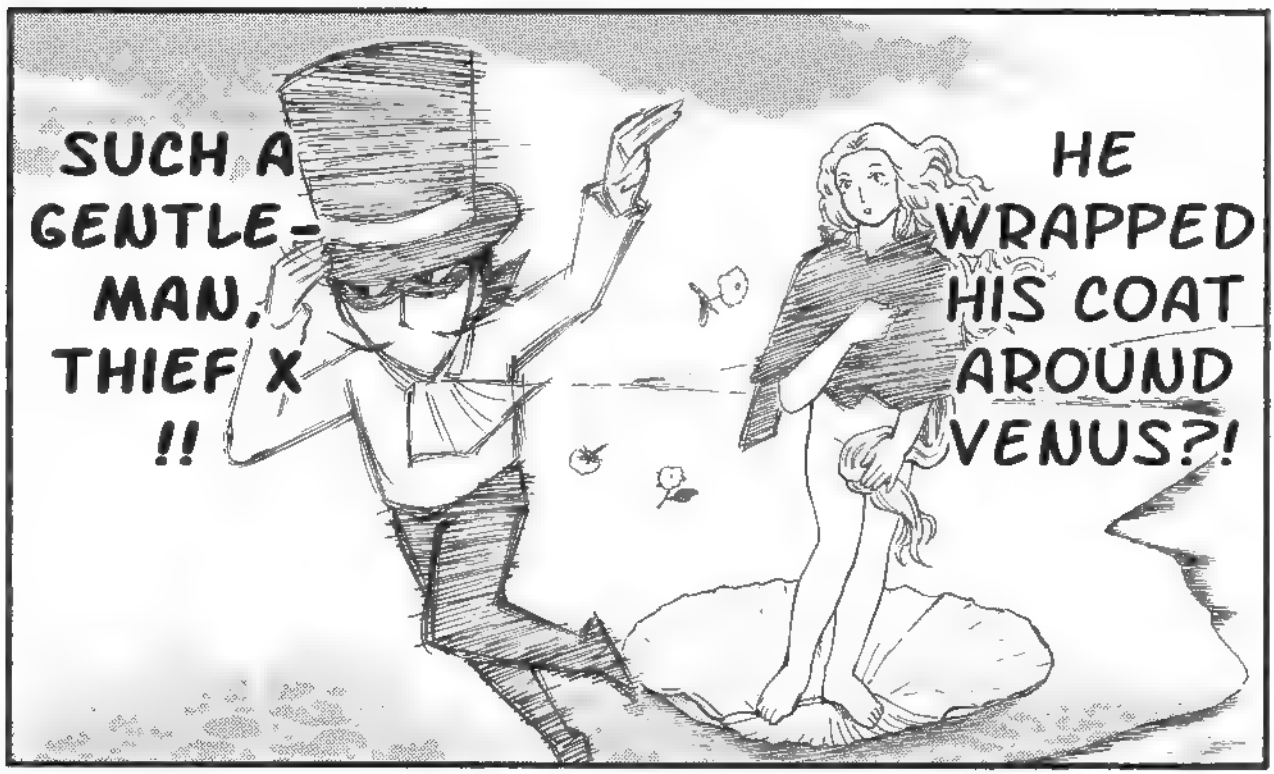
FLIP
MIDDLE SCHOOL ART A
TOTTER
TOTTER
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO A WORLD-CLASS MASTER-PIECE?!
WHUMP
I CAN'T TELL WHAT THE ORIGINAL PIECE WAS.
A STOLEN PIECE TURNED ALL BLACK?
HUH?
A PLATTER? NO...
THAT OUTLINE LOOKS LIKE...
OH, THERE HE IS, STEALING SOME-THING!
GRR
DID YOU SLACK OFF, SEKI?
HOW RUDE.
MIDDLE SCHOOL ART A

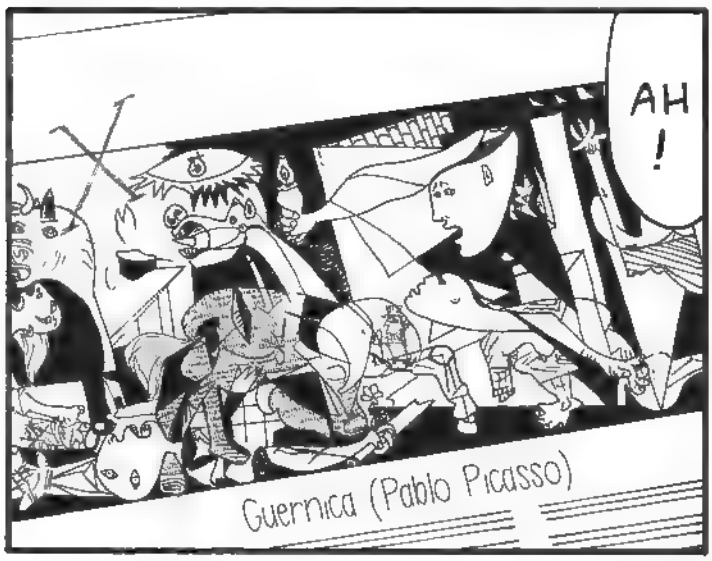

BUT WAIT, IS SUCH A THING EVEN ABLE TO BE TAKEN AWAY?!
THE URN IN THE SHAPE OF TWO PEOPLE'S PROFILES!
THAT'S WHY THE FRAME IS SOLID BLACK WITHOUT IT!


AND THE "BIRTH OF VENUS"
ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE...


OH, BUT THIS THIEF X...
HE LOOKS A BIT DIFFERENT.
MIDDLE SCHOOL ART A

HAS BEEN COVERED UP!
VENUS'S NUDITY ...


SUCH A GENTLE-MAN, THIEF X !!
HE WRAPPED HIS COAT AROUND VENUS?!


AH !
Guernica (Pablo Picasso)

Geez...
I JUST CAN'T HATE HIM.

FLIP
FLIP
HM, WHERE'S THIEF X...

BUT I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT'S BEEN STOLEN!
AN "X" ON PICASSO'S "GUERNICA" ...
MIDDLE SCHOOL ART X

INSIDE THE PAINT-ING?
IS THAT THIEF X
DID I MISS HIM?
HUH? HE DOESN'T APPEAR ANY MORE ?!
OH !
USUALLY, HE LEAVES HIS "X" MARK AND ESCAPES TO A DIFFERENT PAGE...
DOES THE FACT THAT HE'S STILL INSIDE THE PAINT-ING MEAN ...
WAS HE AFFECTED BY PICASSO'S UNIQUE CUBIST STYLE?
WHY DOES THIEF X LOOK PICASSO-ESQUE?

BY THE CUBISM UNIVERSE?!

HE GOT TRAPPED AND CAN'T GET OUT?!

IS THIS THE END?

FLIP パラ FLIP パラ

BUT THIS REALLY IS THIEF X'S LAST APPEAR-ANCE.

AGAINST THE FREE-SPIRITED THIEF X!!

HOW FEAR-SOME CUBISM IS, TO RETALI-ATE

JUMP

I KNOW!!

THIS IS TÔO SURREAL AND SAD!!

NO, NO WAY!

FLAP

MIDDLE SCHOOL ART A

FLAP

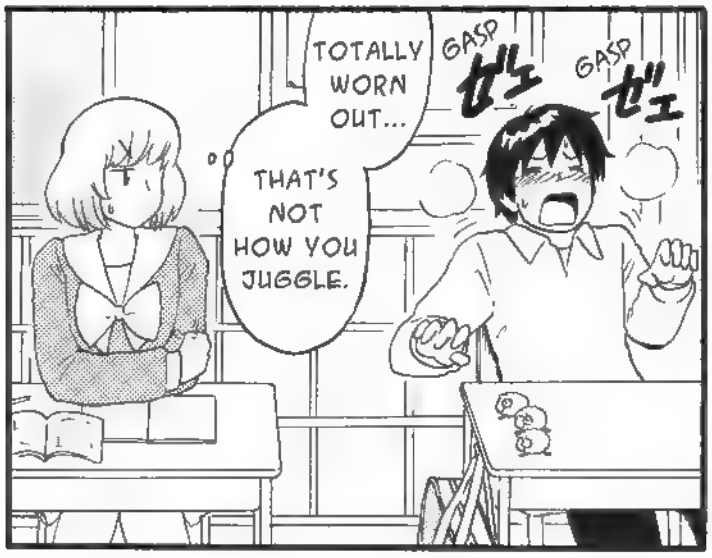
SKRITCH
SKRITCH
I got out!
FLIP
I got out!
HE ERASED HIM!
RUB
RUB
HEH HEH
I'M GLAD HE'S A DOODLE, SO ANYONE CAN DRAW HIM!
THIEF X RETURNS!!
...

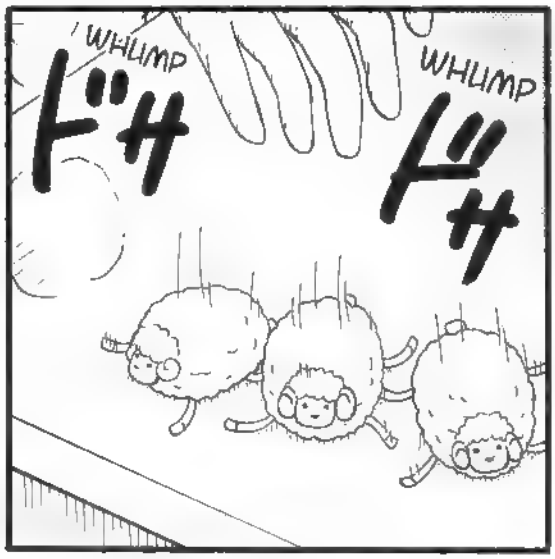
• 94th Period •
SKRITCH
カリ
SKRITCH
カリ
SKRITCH
カリ
SKRITCH
カリ
SKRITCH
カリ
ANOTHER DISTRACTING GAME DURING CLASS...
BEAN BAGS?
!
ポン
TOSS
ポン
TOSS

OH, MY !!
ポロッ
DROP
ドサッ
WHUD
SUCH A CUTE BEANIE!
SHEEP ?!
TOSS
TOSS
TOSS
SFF

COULD SEKI SUCK AT JUGGLING?
HE DID DROP ONE JUST NOW...
I CAN JUGGLE THAT MANY.
SEEMS A BIT TOO EASY FOR SEKI.
HE'S STICKING WITH JUST THREE?
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
ZSH
HE UPPED HIS SPEED.
TOSS
TOSS
TOSS
AND EVEN FASTER NOW?
SWISH
SWISH
SWISH

SO FAST I CAN'T EVEN TELL IF IT'S GOOD OR NOT!
What the heck?
WH-WHOA!
WHIP
WHIP
WHIP
WHIP
WHIP
WHIP
WHIP

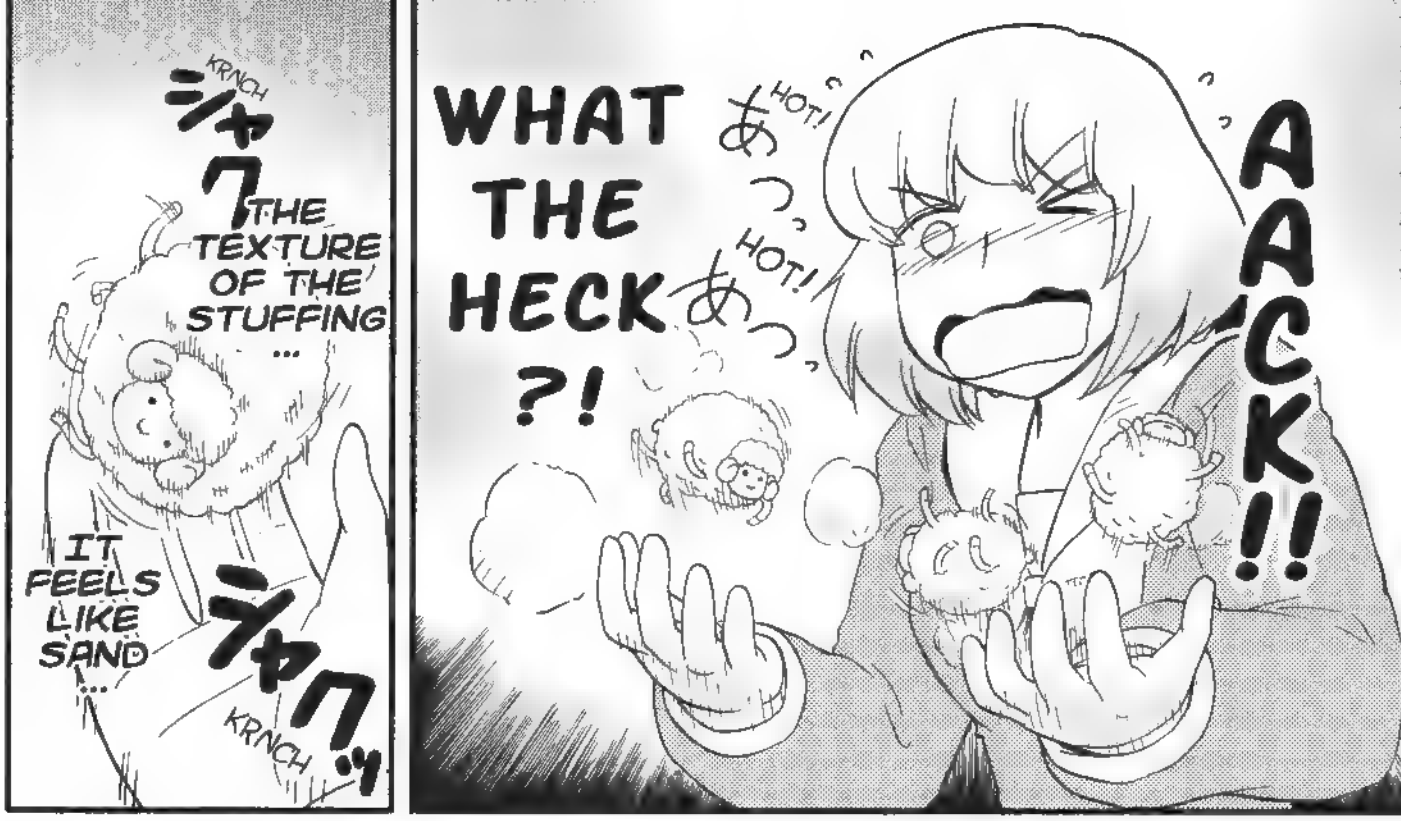

TOTALLY WORN OUT...
THAT'S NOT HOW YOU JUGGLE.
GASP
GASP

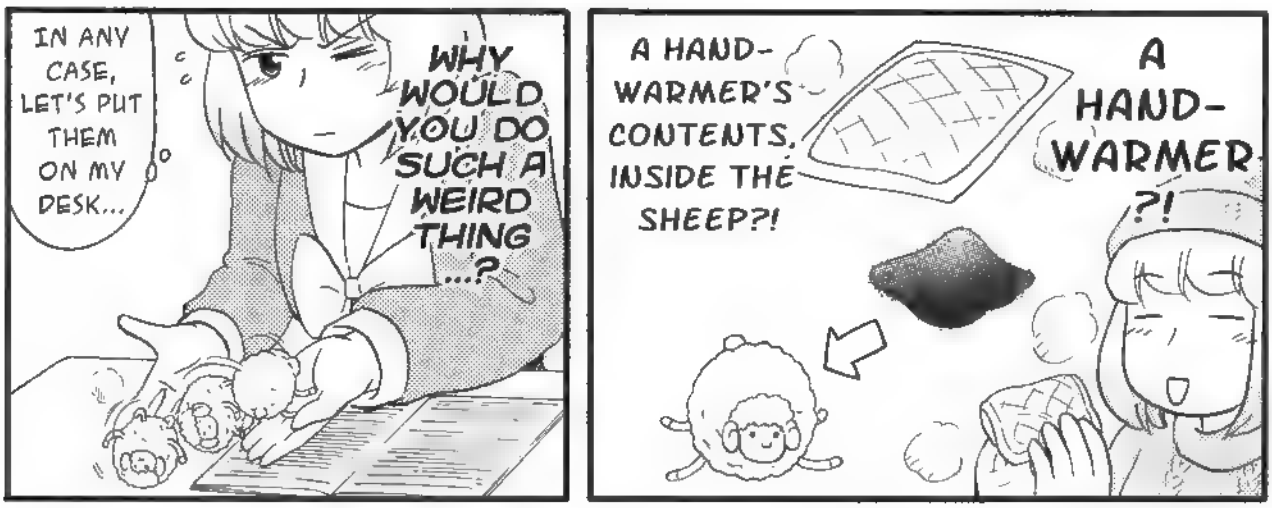

WHUMP
WHUMP

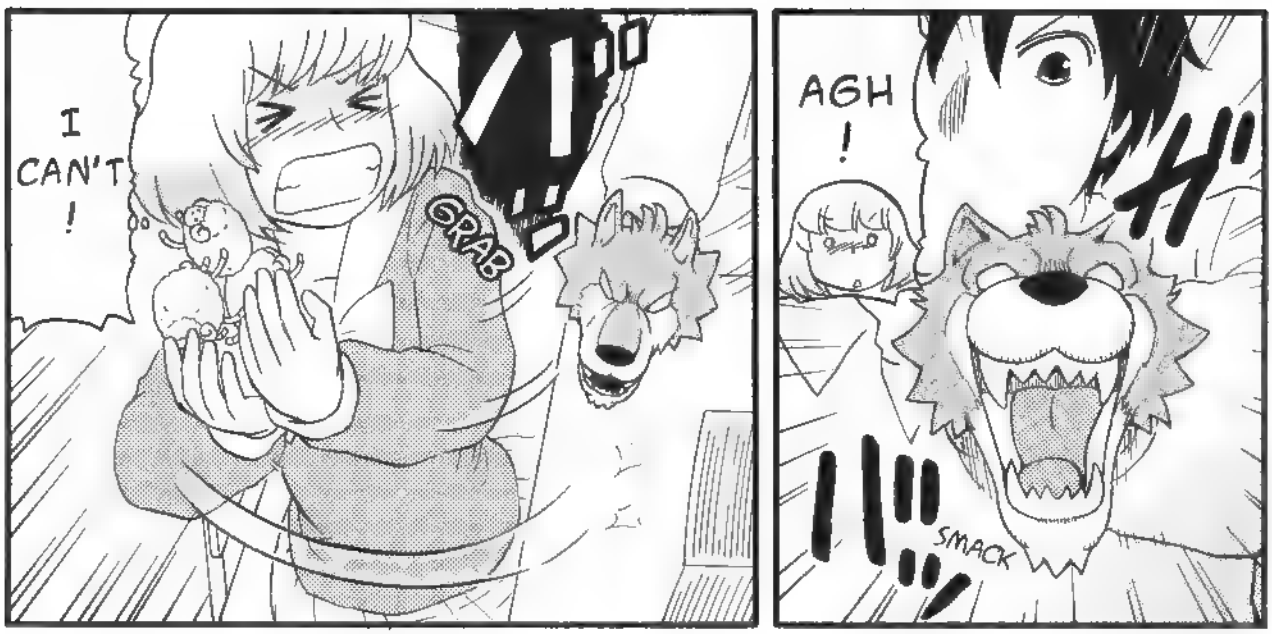
TUG

HM? A GLOVE?
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

WHAAA?!
ニヤ
RAAAAAR
HE'S TRYING TO ATTACK THE SHEEP!
A WOLF HAND PUPPET ?!
UUH!
SMIRK
I'M NOT LET-TING YOU!
I'll save them!!
SNATCH

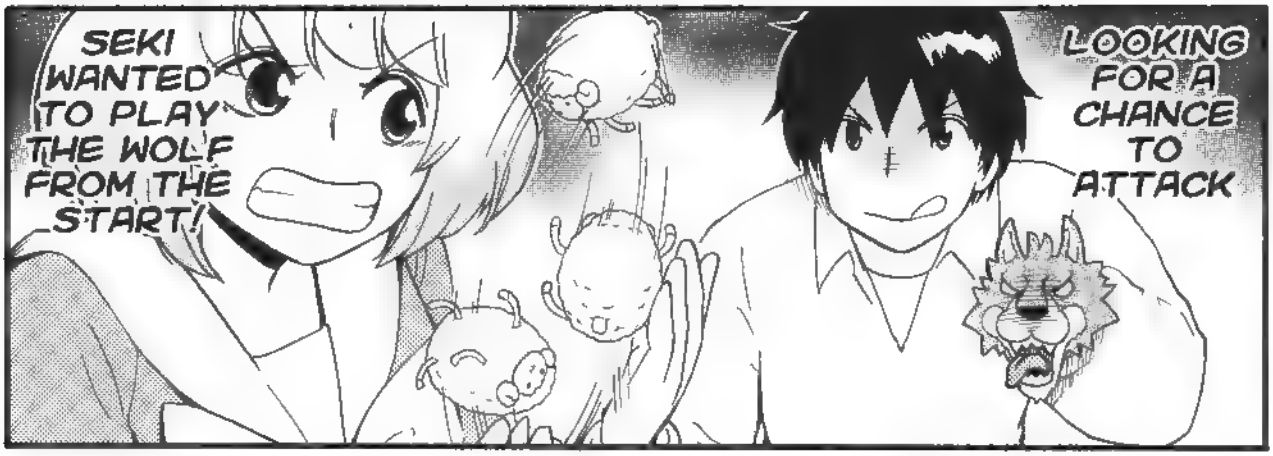

KRNCH
シャク
THE TEXTURE OF THE STUFFING ...
IT FEELS LIKE SAND ...
シャクッ
KRNCH
WHAT THE HECK ?!
あつ、HOT!
あつ、HOT!
AACK!!


IN ANY CASE, LET'S PUT THEM ON MY DESK...
WHY WOULD YOU DO SUCH A WEIRD THING ...?
A HAND-WARMER'S CONTENTS, INSIDE THE SHEEP?!
A HAND-WARMER ?!

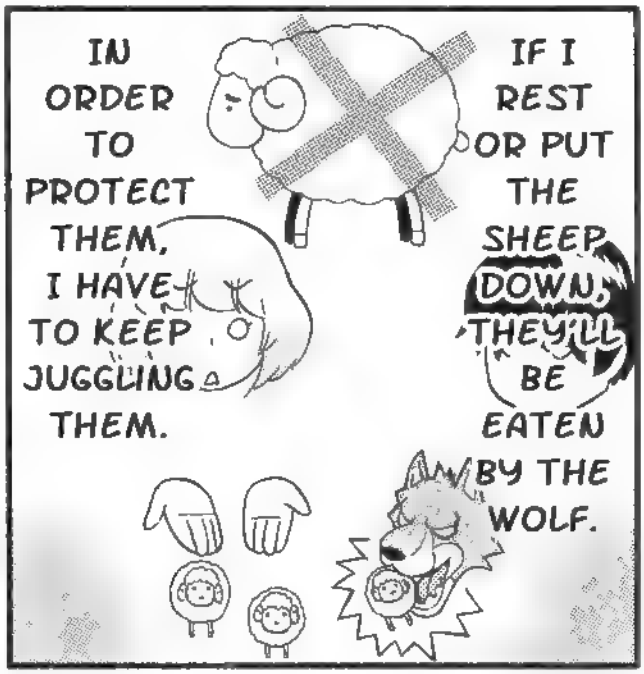

I CAN'T !
GRAB
AGH !
SMACK

HOW DID I END UP DOING THIS?!
AND NOW I'M JUGGLING!
ポン TOSS
ポン TOSS
ポン TOSS
ポロ
ポロ
THE HEATING CHEMICALS UNTIL THEY WERE TOO HOT TO HOLD!
100℃
10℃
SEKI'S FRENZIED JUGGLING JUST EARLIER ACTIVATED
DID I WALK INTO A TRAP?
THE LONGER I GO, THE HOTTER THEY GET!
Hot! Hot!
AND THEY REALLY ARE LIKE HAND-WARM-ERS...
SHK
シャカ
THEN, ONCE THEY WERE TOASTY, HE LURED ME INTO WANTING TO PROTECT THE CUTE LITTLE SHEEP?

WATCH OUT!
CHOMP
CHOMP
ZWISH
ZISH
ZISH


SEKI WANTED TO PLAY THE WOLF FROM THE START!
LOOKING FOR A CHANCE TO ATTACK

IT'S SET UP SO I'LL FAIL NO MATTER WHAT!
BUT THEY KEEP GETTING HOTTER AND HOTTER...
AND SOON I WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD THEM.


IN ORDER TO PROTECT THEM, I HAVE TO KEEP JUGGLING THEM.
IF I REST OR PUT THE SHEEP DOWN, THEY'LL BE EATEN BY THE WOLF.

HE'S TORMENTING US AS IF IT'S SOME CRUEL GAME!

HOW EVIL!!

AHH

SEKI'S WAITING FOR ME TO RUN OUT OF STRENGTH.!!

TO HIDE THESE GUYS!

I NEED TO CREATE A CHANCE

UUHH!

SHFF

SHKK

SHKK

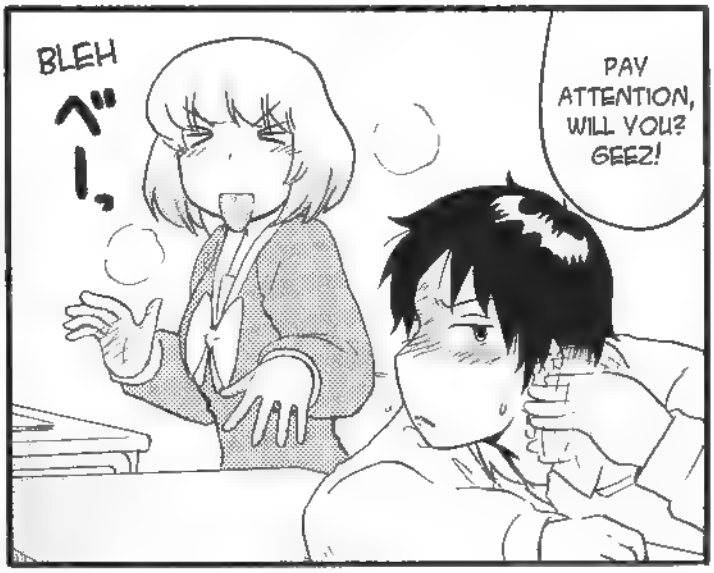
GRIPP

...

SMIRK

SMIRK

SMIRK



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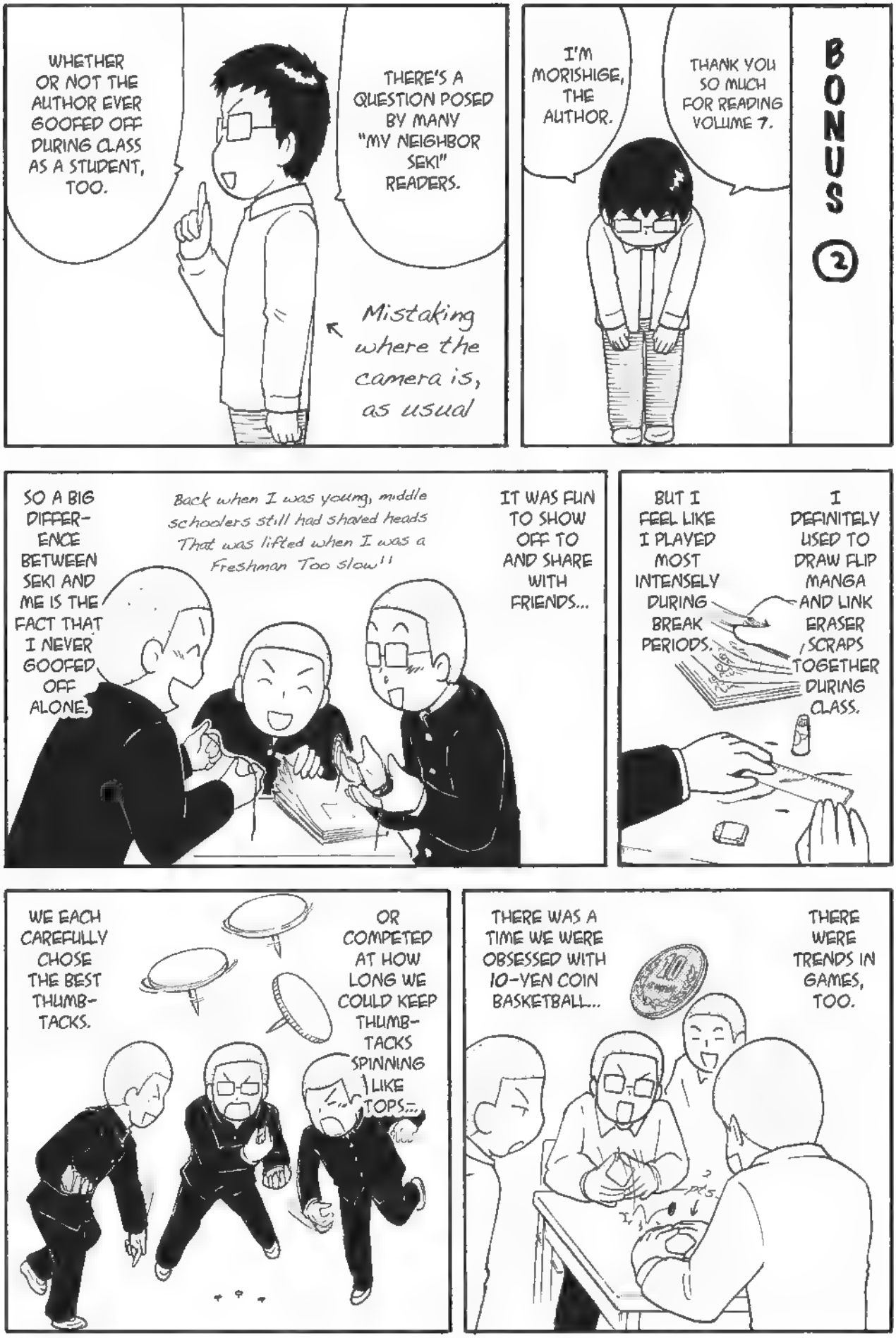
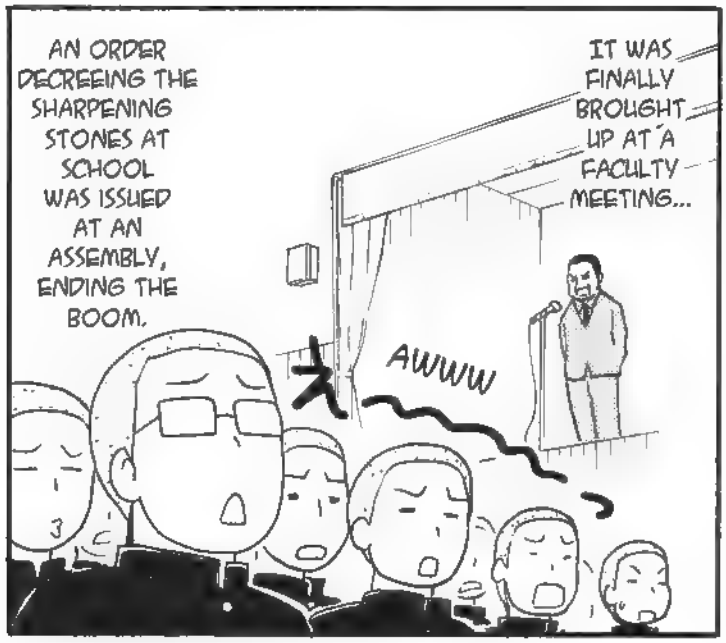
BONUS ①
AH, I HEAR YOU.
HANGING AROUND BOYS IS TIRING.
UM, COULD YOU GET BACK TO CLEANING...?
WELL, IT IS TIRING, FOR SURE ...
BUT...
YOU SPEND LOTS OF TIME WITH HIM.
HOW IS IT WITH YOU AND SEKI?
LOVE SUPER-SEDES TIME ITSELF !!
TIME ALWAYS SEEMS TO FLY BY SO QUICKLY.
I TEND TO LOSE TRACK OF TIME.
ズキュン
THROB

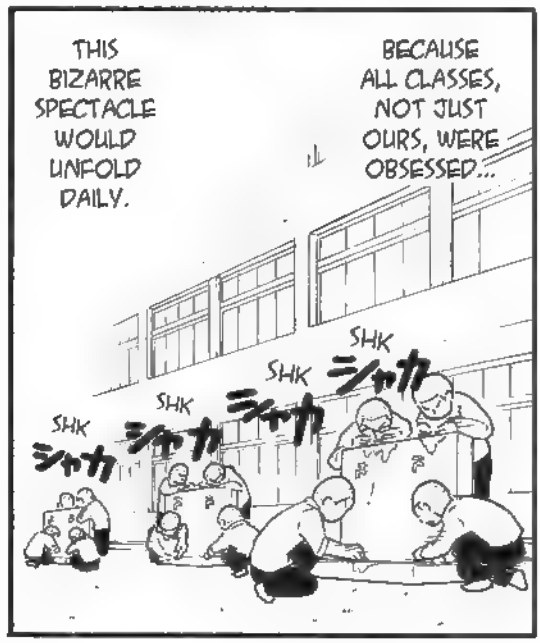
I DID!
BUT SHE WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME!
HUH?
OH, BY THE WAY, HAVE YOU TOLD YOUR MOTHER ABOUT SEKI?
(that you're dating)
THAT'S WHY I'M THINKING OF TAKING PHOTOS, FOR PROOF.
ONES TAKEN IN THE ACT.
HUH?
I TOLD HER ALL THE DETAILS, BUT SHE SAID, "THERE CAN'T BE A BOY SUCH AS THAT"...
NO WAY
NO WAY
YOKOI IS USUALLY SO DILI-GENT...
IT MUST BE HARD TO BELIEVE THAT SHE'S SERIOUSLY INVOLVED WITH A BOY.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA!
OH?
IT WILL NOT WORK OUT IN YOUR FAVOR!
IN THE ACT?!


WHETHER OR NOT THE AUTHOR EVER GOOFED OFF DURING CLASS AS A STUDENT, TOO.
THERE'S A QUESTION POSED BY MANY "MY NEIGHBOR SEKI" READERS.
Mistaking where the camera is, as usual
I'M MORISHIGE, THE AUTHOR.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR READING VOLUME 7.
BONUS ②
SO A BIG DIFFER-ENCE BETWEEN SEKI AND ME IS THE FACT THAT I NEVER GOOFED OFF ALONE.
Back when I was young, middle schoolers still had shaved heads That was lifted when I was a Freshman Too slow!!
IT WAS FUN TO SHOW OFF TO AND SHARE WITH FRIENDS...
BUT I FEEL LIKE I PLAYED MOST INTENSELY DURING BREAK PERIODS.
I DEFINITELY USED TO DRAW FLIP MANGA AND LINK ERASER SCRAPS TOGETHER DURING CLASS.
WE EACH CAREFULLY CHOSE THE BEST THUMB-TACKS.
OR COMPETED AT HOW LONG WE COULD KEEP THUMB-TACKS SPINNING LIKE TOPS...
THERE WAS A TIME WE WERE OBSESSED WITH 10-YEN COIN BASKETBALL...
THERE WERE TRENDS IN GAMES, TOO.

WITH STRANGE GUSTO.
EVERY BREAK PERIOD, WE'D GO OUT TO THE FOOT-WASHING SPOUTS AND HONE OUR OBSIDIAN ...
シャカ
SHK

ONCE WE LEARNED THAT USING SCHOOL CONCRETE AS A WHETSTONE CREATED VERY SHARP EDGES,
PAR-TICULARLY MEMORABLE IS THE CRAZE THAT HIT DURING FIRST YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, OF FIND-ING AND HONING OBSIDIAN.
It's pointy!


AN ORDER DECREEING THE SHARPENING STONES AT SCHOOL WAS ISSUED AT AN ASSEMBLY, ENDING THE BOOM.
IT WAS FINALLY BROUGHT UP AT A FACULTY MEETING...
AWWW


THIS BIZARRE SPECTACLE WOULD UNFOLD DAILY.
BECAUSE ALL CLASSES, NOT JUST OURS, WERE OBSESSED...
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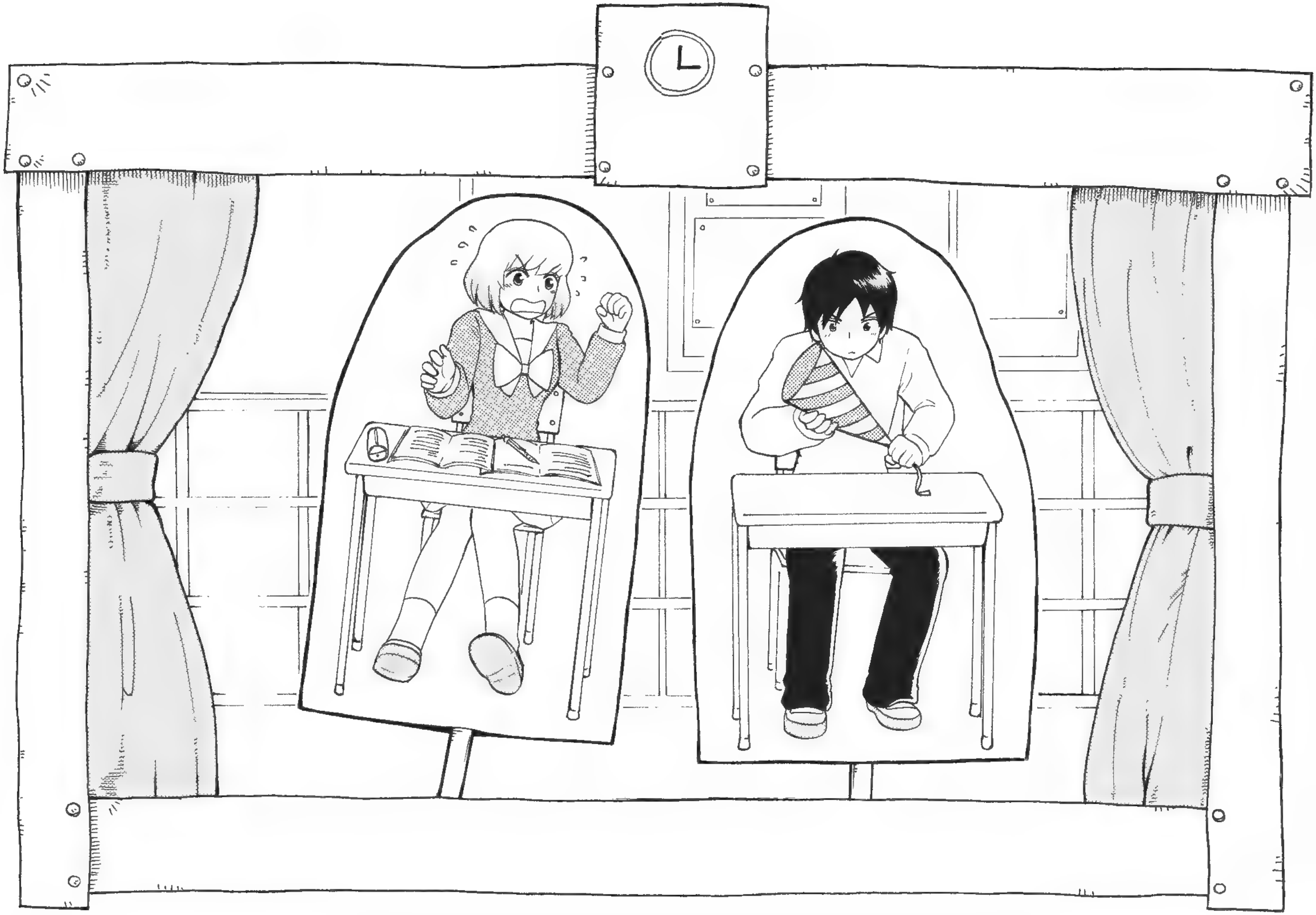
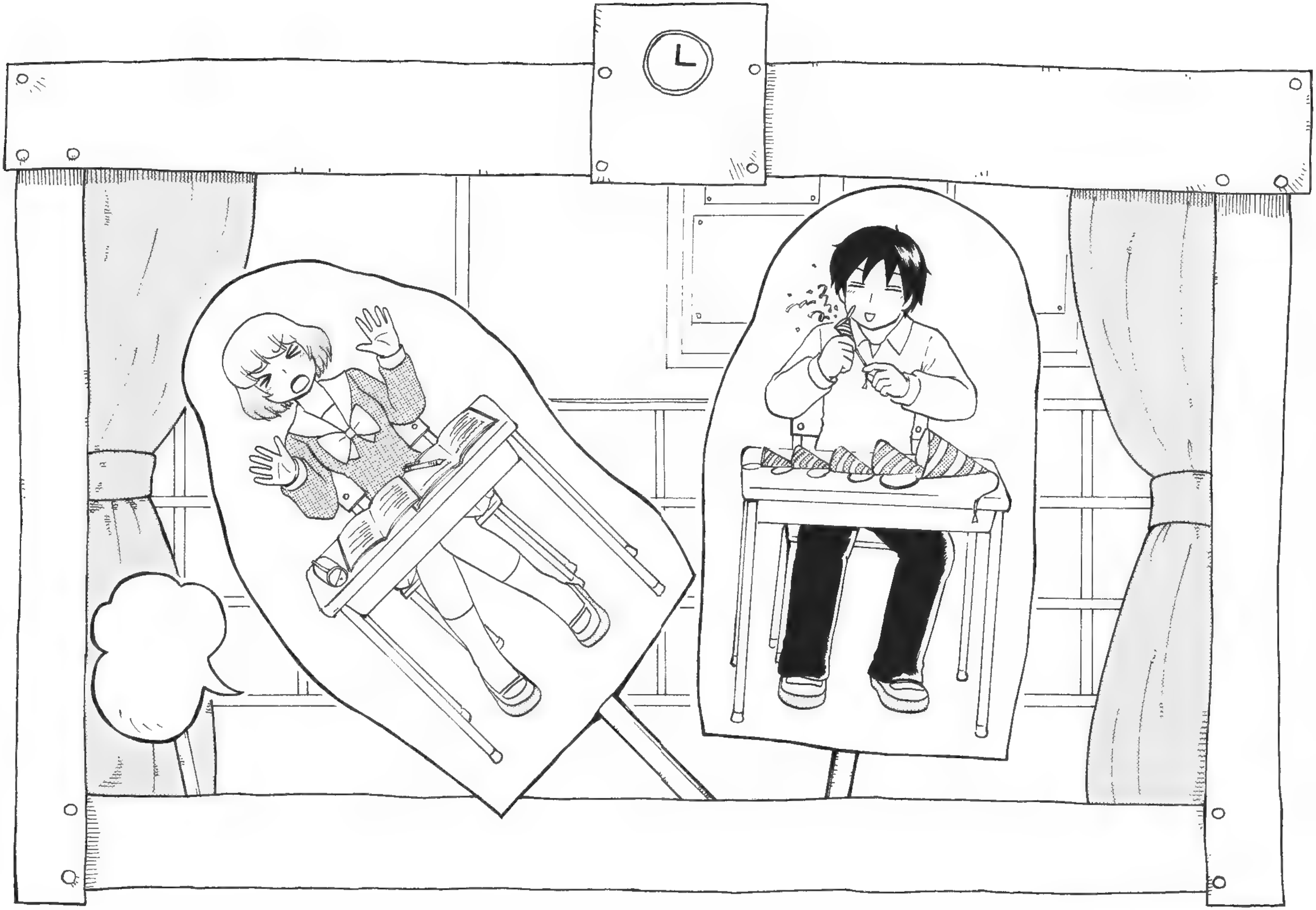
BYE BYE !!
WELL, SEE YOU NEXT VOLUME!

I FEEL A LITTLE PITY FOR THEM.
This school is done for!
SO WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE TEACHERS WHO WATCHED US BACK THEN...

I END UP EMPATHIZING WITH THE TEACHERS INSTEAD OF THE STUDENTS.
PERHAPS IT'S MY AGE, BUT WHEN I WATCH RECENT SCHOOL DRAMAS,

My Neighbor Seki





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